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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

Referral/Consult

SUBJECT:   - OPERATION ALERT, 1956*Auxiliary Spec For SOG.*Referral/Consult

Tolson	✓
Nichols	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mason	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

ACTION:

For information.

- SJP:dje*  
(4)
- W.B.*
- OR*
- per*
- J*
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Section tickler
  - 1 - Mr. Papich

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

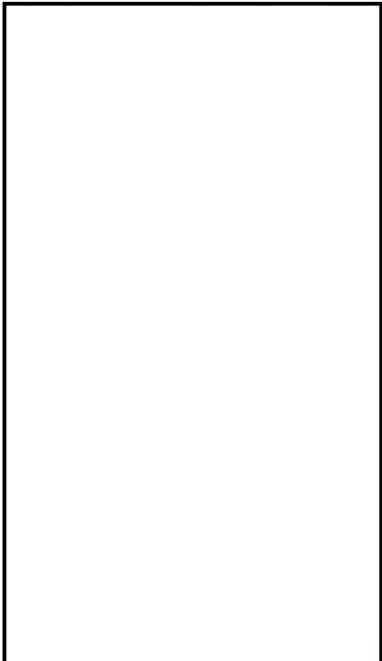
SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
(Liaison Assignments)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Pursuant to your request, there is set forth in this memorandum a schedule of the assignments of our Liaison Agents, recording the time and date they arrived at relocation sites and the time and date of their departure:

## SCHEDULE OF LIAISON AGENTS

Agent	Agency Where Assigned	Reported to Site	Departed Site
Day		1:21 p. m. , 7/20	3:00 p. m. , 7/25/56
Daunt		11:05 a. m. , 7/20	5:00 p. m. , 7/25/56
Kuhrtz		12:15 p. m. , 7/20	3:05 p. m. , 7/25/56
Papich		1:00 p. m. , 7/20	2:40 p. m. , 7/25/56
Wells		12:15 p. m. , 7/20	2:25 p. m. , 7/22/56
Whaley		8:06 p. m. , 7/19	3:00 p. m. , 7/25/56

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For your information, the switchboard recorded 206 contacts with our Liaison Agents. This figure is not all-inclusive, as on many calls the

RRR:LL (12)

cc--Mr. Roach

cc--Mr. Belmont

cc--Mr. McArdle

cc--Mr. Day

cc--Mr. Daunt

cc--Mr. Kuhrtz

cc--Mr. Papich

cc--Mr. Wells

cc--Mr. Whaley

cc--Mr. D. J. Sullivan

cc--Mr. Bartlett

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Roach

Liaison Agents were contacted by several persons at the relocation site; thus indicating there were more than 206 matters discussed with them. The approximation of this figure would be 250.

**ACTION:**

None. The above is submitted for information and record purposes.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

o Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.

Tolson ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Boardman ☒  
 Belmont ☒  
 Mason ☒  
 Mohr ☒  
 Parsons ☒  
 Rosen ☒  
 Tamm ☒  
 Nease ☒  
 Winterrowd ☒  
 Tele. Room ☒  
 Holloman ☒  
 Gandy ☒

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While driving to work on the morning of 7-25-56, Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section picked up Mr. [redacted] of the White House and drove him to the White House. Mr. [redacted] was waiting for transportation during the morning rush hour.

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During the conversation that ensued while driving downtown, Mr. [redacted] mentioned that he had represented the White House during Operation Alert at [redacted].

Mr. [redacted] said "what a waste of time." Concerning this, [redacted]

ACTION:

For your information.

CHB:fjb  
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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EX 101

Colonel Ward B. Cleaves  
President  
Cleaves Food Service Corporation  
8405 Ramsey Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Colonel Cleaves:

On my recent trip to [redacted]  
I again had the pleasure of eating at [redacted] and  
visiting the kitchen.

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I want to take this means of expressing  
to you and the members of your staff at [redacted] my  
appreciation for the excellence of the service and the fine  
quality of the food you serve which always make our visits  
most enjoyable.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

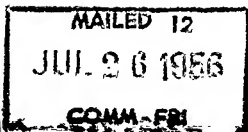
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FBI

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cc: SAC, [redacted]

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Alert, 1956, HLS:ATP)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/26/56

FROM : MR. E. D. MASON *M*

SUBJECT: TEST ALERT - 1956

*Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I am attaching letters of commendation to be mailed to Colonel Ward B. Cleaves, caterer at , and to 4 of his employees.

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the attached letters be approved.

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Enclosure (5)

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**TOLSON**

July 26, 1956

[Redacted]

*o Auxiliary Space for [Redacted]*

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

It is always a pleasure to see you on my visits to [Redacted]. I appreciate the excellent manner in which you have prepared our meals for the many years you have been there.

Please accept my thanks for the years of devoted service you have given to your duties.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 12  
JUL 26 1956  
COMM-FBI

cc: SAC, [Redacted]

HLS:ATP  
(4) *atp*

(Based on memo Mr. Mason to Mr. Tolson, 7/26/56, re TEST ALERT - 1956, HLS:atp)

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Dear Mr. :

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I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the excellent service and food served during my recent visit to . My associates in the FBI always report to me the general excellence of the meals served there.

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Will you please convey to your staff my appreciation for the wonderful way that they have been taking care of us for such a long period of time. It is always a pleasure for me to visit .

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: SAC, 

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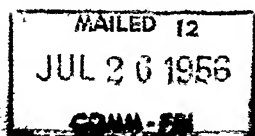
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(Based on memo Mr. Mason to Mr. Tolson, 7/26/56, re Test Alert, 1956, HLS:ATP)

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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July 26, 1956



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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

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I was certainly happy to see you again on my recent visit to [redacted]. I want you to know I appreciate the excellent service you have provided for all of us in the dining room since [redacted].

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I am glad to know that you have recovered from your recent illness.

Sincerely yours,

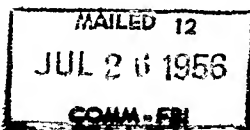
J. Edgar Hoover

cc: SAC, [redacted]

JUL 26 5 08 PM '56  
RECEIVED READING ROOM  
FBI  
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CPB:ATP  
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(Based on memo Mr. Mason to Mr. Tolson, 7/26/56, re Test Alert, 1956, HLS:ATP)



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: BUPLANS - OPERATION ALERT 1956

Tolson  
Nichols  
Boardman  
Belmont  
Mason  
Mohr  
Parsons  
Rosen  
Tamm  
Nease  
Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Holloman  
Gandy

*lp* Auxiliary Space for S.O.C.

At 11:15 a.m., July 16, 1956, Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section attended a meeting of the Interagency Planning Group at the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM). The briefing was done by Dr. Arthur Flemming, Director, ODM. At the outset of the meeting he complimented the Planning Group on a job well done and stated that he appreciated all the time and effort put forth by the various agencies in helping plan the forthcoming emergency test. During the briefing Dr. Flemming made the following points:

1. The exercise will end at 4:00 p.m., EST, July 25, 1956, instead of 11:00 a.m., EST, July 26, 1956, as previously announced.

2. The meeting of the Heads of agencies to summarize the results of the exercise, originally scheduled for the morning of July 26, will be advanced to July 25. The hour and place of such meeting will be announced later. The President will do the briefing at this meeting and the Heads of agencies are expected to attend.

3. The summary report scheduled for July 25, should be submitted on the evening of July 24. No daily report is necessary for Tuesday, July 24. However, a brief daily report should be submitted at the close of business on Wednesday, July 25.

4. On the morning of July 16, Mr. [redacted] Assistant Press Secretary to the President, briefed the Information Officers from the Government agencies as to how the press will be handled during the test. ODM will hold a press conference at 4:00 p.m., July 16. Included will be representatives from Radio and TV as well as the newspapers.

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5. At the beginning of the test on July 20, there will be a "enlarged" NSC meeting. Time and place to be announced later. Other persons will be invited in addition

1 - Mr. Nichols

1 - Mr. Boardman

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Mason

1 - Mr. McArdle

1 - Section tickler

1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

to the regular NSC members. This will be done on personal invitations to be extended later.

6. At the Cabinet meeting on Friday, July 13, it was asked by Cabinet members as to how long they personally should stay at the relocation site. It was decided that with the Congress still in session and other necessary business to handle, Heads of agencies should stay at the relocation site through Saturday July 21. Following this it will be permissible to return to Washington; however, the Heads of agencies should return to their relocation site on Tuesday, July 24, to prepare for the July 25 meeting with the President.

7. In addition to the NSC meeting at the beginning of the test and the President's briefing at the conclusion of the test it is not expected that any other meetings of Heads of agencies will be called. If necessary, meetings will be called on an Ad Hoc basis.

8. The emergency news headquarters called [redacted] is located at [redacted]. News is fed into [redacted] from [redacted], the ODM relocation site. It had been planned to operate [redacted] during the entire test, however, [redacted] is now scheduled to be closed as of Monday, July 23. News stories of importance following that will be furnished by [redacted] to the interested Government agency in Washington for distribution to the press.

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9. Based on 100 per cent as the perfect test, the 1955 test was about 10 per cent effective. This year it is hoped the test will be 30 per cent effective and by 1957 perhaps it can be raised to 50 or 60 per cent effective.

[redacted] advised Mr. Bartlett prior to the meeting that at the Cabinet meeting last Friday, July 13, the Cabinet was "split right down the middle" as to whether or not the test should be cancelled. Dr. Flemming made no reference to this discussion during his briefing.

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There is enclosed a copy of a bulletin dated July 16, 1956, issued by ODM setting forth the change of time for the conclusion of the test. As a result of this change certain reports to ODM will have to be accelerated. The enclosed bulletin sets forth these reports with the deadline date. A copy of this bulletin is being maintained in the Domestic Intelligence Division and will be included as part of the over-all Bureau plans.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

ACTION:

1. For your information. The over-all plan for Operation Alert 1956 will be changed in accordance with the new termination time for the exercise.

2. With reference to item #2, Liaison will follow with ODM as to time and place of the July 25 briefing by the President for the Heads of agencies. We will also determine if a formal invitation is to be extended to the Director.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

*° Auxiliary Space For SIOG.*

Continuing my earlier summary of events occurring under Operation Alert today (attached), Supervisor Daunt was telephonically instructed, following the Director's arrival, to so advise Deputy Attorney General Rogers.

At 1:37 p.m., all six Liaison Agents had reported in from the relocation sites of the agencies they accompanied. It was apparent there was a delay on the part of several agencies in relocating, because of heavy rains. This was particularly true of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The Liaison Agents have functioned smoothly and have kept us promptly advised of developments.

Relative to the problem involving the launching of the Emergency Detention Program, replies from all offices have been received, and all offices had contacted the Bureau within the 2-hour limit.

Relative to the Program for Detention of Enemy Diplomats, we originally requested advice from [REDACTED] at 12:15 p.m. However, [REDACTED] was delayed in reaching its relocation site, due to rains. At 2:25 p.m., we notified the Department we could not launch the program as we had no decision from [REDACTED]. At 3:08 p.m., we received authority, and the problem was launched at 3:12 p.m. Replies were received from the field and the program was completed at 4:06 p.m.

En closure

AHB:LL

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CC: Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Bland  
Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Roach

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

At 2:15 p.m., the Attorney General arrived at the Department relocation site.

Washington press release announced: "Tomorrow at Madison, Illinois, three airplanes will land with saboteurs on mock assignments to destroy targets in that area." Through Supervisor Daunt at Justice relocation we had Mr. Mullen check to pin down the source of this and who was going to stage the incident. Mullen checked with [redacted], which knew nothing about it. [redacted] said the release probably originated at [redacted], and [redacted] put in a restriction that all releases had to come through [redacted] henceforth. [redacted] is attempting to run this down, and we will take appropriate action to protect the Bureau's interests, including alerting the Springfield Office if there is any substance to it.

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Word was received through [redacted] that tornado conditions were developing to the south of [redacted] and moving in this direction. A teletype was sent to the Attorney General, advising him of this and that our operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

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The problems we had outlined in advance have been proceeding rapidly. In addition to those mentioned above and in my previous memorandum, we received an up-to-date alphabetical list of the Security Index from the Statistical Section by 2:45 p.m. and other special lists relating to Security Index subjects were received at 6:00 p.m. (Problem 8); we simulated the arrest of a civilian employee of the Army in Chicago, which required the Chicago Office to make contact with ONI, OSI, and G-2 at Chicago and report back. This was started at 2:15 p.m. and a reply was received from Chicago at 4:40 p.m. (Problem 13). The arrest of a United Nations employee and advice to [redacted] [redacted], requiring contact with New York and [redacted] and reply back -- problem started at 2:15 p.m. and completed 3:05 p.m. (Problem 15). We made analysis of the Special Section of the Security Index as to action to be taken on foreign government employees, espionage subjects, and pro-Tito Yugoslavs. This was completed

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

promptly and, where necessary, contact with [redacted] was simulated through contact with our Liaison Agent (Problem 16). A memorandum was prepared showing the number of Security Index subjects in each office, for consideration in the event we needed to shift personnel between field offices to assist in the Detention Program.

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In addition to the above, other problems are being initiated.

It should be pointed out that we have not received the expected volume of communications from other agencies, including [redacted]. This is because of the fact there is strong indication that because of inclement weather or for some other reason, communications of other agencies have bogged down. We can expect a deluge of communications from other agencies tonight and tomorrow; however, we have moved rapidly on our own problems and should be in a position to handle them.

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At 5:40 p.m., Supervisor Daunt advised that the Attorney General will leave Justice relocation early tomorrow afternoon. Tomorrow morning, the Attorney General will discuss a new relocation site of a permanent nature for the Department. Daunt will report results to us. Daunt stated that [redacted] has been having trouble communicating with [redacted] and that as a result of inclement weather some communications are out. He stated that [redacted] (a highway) is washed out and that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is not able to get any traffic over its tracks.

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We will advise you further of developments.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

The Bureau was notified that Operation Alert, 1956, had started at 11:13 a. m. Eastern Daylight Time. Bureau personnel involved in the test were immediately notified and all were checked off at 11:23 a. m. [redacted]

[redacted] All Bureau employees who were to participate in the test were accounted for. All Bureau personnel had arrived at [redacted] by [redacted] p. m.

I arrived at [redacted] at 12:07 p. m. and Justice relocation site was notified that FBI was operational as of 12:11 p. m. [redacted] was notified at 12:19 p. m. that we were operational as of 12:11 p. m. Liaison Agent Whaley at [redacted] stated that [redacted] is already having communications trouble and is experiencing bad weather conditions and other operational difficulties.

Liaison Agent Daunt advised that Mr. Rogers wanted to know the time Belmont had arrived; when the Director was en route from Washington and the time the Director arrived at the Bureau's relocation site. Daunt was told when Belmont arrived, and at 12:28 p. m. was advised that the Director was en route. We will notify Daunt when the Director arrives.

Inasmuch as authorization was received from Mr. Rogers by teletype at 11:03 a. m. to launch the Emergency Detention Program, the arrest program was launched by teletype, radio and telephone at 12:29 p. m. You will be advised of the effectiveness of the communications when this problem has been completed.

AHB:LL<sup>le</sup>

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cc--Mr. Tolson  
cc--Mr. Belmont  
cc--Mr. Baumgardner  
cc--Mr. Roach  
cc--Mr. Branigan  
cc--Mr. Bland

ENCLOSURE

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Memorandum to the Director from Mr. Belmont

Liaison Agent Kuhrtz called from [redacted] relocation site at 12:15 p.m. and was instructed to contact appropriate authorities to see whether the Program for Protection of Enemy Diplomatic Officials should be put into effect. Kuhrtz said that [redacted] officials have not yet arrived and that he will make the check as soon as possible and advise.

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At 10:41 a.m., a teletype was received from Justice requesting that a test message be passed on to United States Attorneys at Cleveland, Atlanta, Fort Worth, and Denver. A teletype was sent out to the Cleveland, Atlanta, Dallas and Denver Offices so instructing.

At 12:22 p.m., the Laboratory immediately starting<sup>ed</sup> the check of the auxiliary radio station in [redacted]. It was put into operation and found to be satisfactory.

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Four of the six Liaison Agents have already contacted us from their relocation sites. The other two are [redacted] and will contact us as soon as they reach their relocation sites with their agencies.

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Liaison Agent Daunt advised, according to Rogers the Attorney General is [redacted] and then will proceed to [redacted]

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This is to advise you of developments to date, and we will keep you advised.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 19, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ATTACK WARNING CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES  
FOR CIVILIANS

Tolson	✓
Nease	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mason	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

My memorandum of May 29, 1956, reported that the National Security Council had asked [redacted] to report by June 1st concerning the action it has taken to strengthen [redacted] in the Washington metropolitan area, and to recommend for or against delegation to [redacted] of the responsibility for deciding whether the signal to evacuate or take cover should be sounded in the District of Columbia following declaration by [redacted] that [redacted] is expected.

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By memorandum July 16 attached, NSC Secretary Lay has circulated ~~by memorandum~~ an interim report in the form of a letter received by him from [redacted], dated June 29. This letter recommends that a central warning center be established for the Washington metropolitan area, to be staffed and operated by [redacted], with Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia being invited to contribute operating personnel. The letter indicates that a formal plan concerning this will be forthcoming. This plan will reflect concurrence of the appropriate officials of Maryland, Virginia and the District, and will be submitted to NSC for its information.

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Lay's memorandum states the subject will not be scheduled for NSC consideration until the formal plan is received, and indicates that [redacted] will take no action to implement such a plan pending NSC consideration.

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ACTION:

This is a matter of interest to the Director who, as IIC Chairman, is represented on the NSC Special Committee for attack warning channels and procedures for civilians. No action or reply is required by the NSC communication.

Enclosure

GAD:bal  
(6)cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Roach  
Mr. McArdle  
Mr. Day

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the Director's notation which appears at the conclusion of the ~~Bureau's~~ memorandum of July 18, 1956, captioned as above. That memorandum related to the Director's contemplated attendance at the NSC meeting of July 20, 1956. The Director's notation reflected that he had attended this meeting and that a further meeting was planned for 2:30 p.m. on July 25, 1956, which would be attended by those present at the July 20 meeting.

In order to determine, if possible, where the meeting scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on July 25 is to be held, Liaison Agent Bartlett today contacted Colonel Goodpasture at the White House in this connection. Colonel Goodpasture advised that it had not yet been definitely decided where the July 25 meeting would be held although he thought it would probably be held at the White House. He stated that as soon as this matter is decided he would immediately notify Mr. Bartlett for the Director's information, that this decision will probably be made Monday, 7-23-56.

ACTION:

This matter will be followed closely by Liaison in order that as soon as such information is available, we may know where the July 25 meeting is to be held.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
 cc - Mr. Holloman  
 cc - Mr. Belmont  
 cc - Mr. McArdle  
 cc - Mr. Sizoo

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meeting set for 2<sup>30</sup> PM  
 Wed. 7/25 in Cabinet  
 Room White House.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 22, 1956

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
 PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH AGENCY HEADS  
 JULY 25, 1956

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
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Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

At approximately 11:15 p. m. , 7/22/56, Supervisor W. B. Anderson, Domestic Intelligence Division, on duty in your office at the Seat of Government telephonically advised that Cable #3 was received from Liaison Agent Philcox in Panama. This cable read as follows:

"Operation Alert, 1956. President Eisenhower meeting with Flemming and Peterson upon return to Washington Tuesday. Meeting of heads of agencies scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Wednesday - Cabinet Room - White House. No Cabinet meeting."

ACTION:

SA Mooney Midnight Supervisor, your office in Washington, was instructed to bring the contents of this cable to the attention of Messrs. Hennrich, Sizoo and Cleveland immediately upon their arrival on duty on the morning of 7/23/56. He was also instructed to advise Mr. Scatterday upon his arrival on duty for Mr. Boardman's information. The original of this cable was sent to the Director.

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cc - Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. Parsons  
 Mr. McGuire  
 Mr. Baumgardner  
 Mr. Branigan  
 Mr. Roach  
 Mr. Bland  
 Mr. Kleinkauf

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

OPERATION ALERT 1956  
HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING  
AT WHITE HOUSE, 2:30 PM  
JULY 25, 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*o Auxiliary space for S.O.G.*

For your additional information concerning the Heads of Agencies meeting which you are to attend at the White House at 2:30 PM tomorrow, we have received certain intelligence information from some of our Liaison representatives with other agencies which shows the probable position a given agency will take and its recommendations concerning Operation Alert 1956.

Liaison Agent Daunt at Justice relocation advised that he had been informed by John Airhart, Relocation Officer for the Department, that the Attorney General will be given a report of the operation prepared by Tompkins, Foley, and Morton. This report will be in the form of accomplishments with the three following recommendations to be made by the Attorney General at the conference if called upon for comments:

1. The Attorney General will state that he feels that the Department of Justice should make arrangements to obtain a new relocation site to house all components of his department. According to Airhart, the Attorney General does not feel strongly on this point but feels that it would be the "politic" thing to do if asked for ways and means of improving his agency's participation under actual emergency conditions. Airhart stated that the Attorney General put this recommendation in the Justice report himself.

Comment:

*C* We feel that the matter of such a move is a Justice problem and if possible, we should stay out of it.

RRR:lw (8)

1-Mr. Boardman 1-Mr. Nichols  
1-Mr. Holloman 1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Hennrich 1-Mr. Roach  
1-Mr. Baumgardner

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Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

2. Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) relocation at [ ] should for future tests prepare a reserve of problems to be presented to the various agencies.

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Comment:

We do not agree with this observation as it is our belief that each agency should compile sufficient problems to conduct its own tests.

3. A system of couriers should be established to augment and supplement communications media and placed into operation where other means of transmitting messages fail.

Comment:

This courier system could and would be established if the necessity arises in an actual emergency. We are well equipped to handle our own needs should such a courier system be necessary.

Supervisor Kuhrtz at [ ] relocation site advised that [ ] had prepared a long report of accomplishments with several observations and recommendations. Upon completion of the report the [ ] official in charge contacted ODM and outlined to them the type of report they were submitting and the observations and recommendations made. [ ] was told that Dr. Flemming did not desire a report of this kind being discussed at the Heads of Agencies meeting as he did not want the agencies to raise any problems or cite any difficulties encountered and that the recommendations made by [ ] (not known to our Agent) were not in order. As a result of this [ ] has completely rewritten its report and it is now in the form of accomplishments during the test and will be given to [ ], when he attends the meeting as [ ] representative.

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Referral/Consult

Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

Referral/Consult

ACTION:

The above is submitted for your information. If additional pertinent information is received prior to the meeting, it will be telephonically supplied to you.

A handwritten signature, possibly "R", in dark ink.A small handwritten mark or signature, possibly "H. S.", in dark ink.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956  
 LIAISON ASSIGNMENT

[redacted] was accompanied to their relocation site, [redacted], by SA B. A. Wells, Liaison Section, who arrived at [redacted]'s relocation site at 12:15 p.m., July 20, 1956. The party consisted of [redacted] people. [redacted] arrived at the relocation site on the afternoon of July 20, 1956. [redacted] remained at the site until the afternoon of July 21, 1956, when he returned to Washington. [redacted] actually had charge of the relocation site and coordinated most of the problems at the site.

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[redacted] ran no problems involving other agencies. No problems requiring action by the Bureau were brought up. [redacted]

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Although not brought up during this operation, [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] would have a problem in an actual emergency in obtaining new employees on a rush basis. Due to the relocation of almost all agencies from the Washington area, [redacted] has the problem of clearance of such new employees. In such a situation, [redacted] decided that the most that could be done prior to employment, was to conduct a name check through the FBI field office covering [redacted]. This matter may be made a problem during subsequent alerts.

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All [redacted] personnel connected with the relocation were extremely cordial to the Bureau Representative. The Bureau was given free access to all briefings and meetings conducted at the relocation site.

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ACTION:

For your information.

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 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. McArdle  
 1 - Mr. Bates  
 1 - Liaison Section  
 1 - Mr. Wells

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 7-24-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:   
OPERATION ALERT - 1956*12. 35*  
*0 Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

For record purposes, at 12:30 p.m. today ~~Mr. Roach~~  
Roach advised Wick that the FBI's liaison at ODM headquarters at  
 has been told the following which may be a subject of comment  
in the press.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*auth. 12/35*

*Roach*

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The ODM representative advised that 

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Mr. Roach pointed out that while the above is wholly unrelated to  
Operation Alert - 1956 exercises, it was Mr. Belmont's thought that the press  
might attempt to make something of it as an instance of a security break.

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had apparently ascertained the location of  who  
appeared to be in the  area and requested assistance in apprehending  
him.

ACTION:

None. For record only.

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont  
cc - Mr. Rosen

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT:

OPERATION ALERT 1956  
 \*HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING  
 AT WHITE HOUSE, 2:30 PM  
 JULY 25, 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*o Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

This is a condensed summary reflecting the Bureau's operation at its relocation site covering the period from the time of the alert on the morning of July 20 through July 24, 1956. A detailed summary memorandum with attachments was also submitted today.

THE ALERT

Within ten minutes of the alert at 11:13 AM EDT, all [ ] persons scheduled for relocation in an emergency were accounted for and checked off,

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All [ ] employees sent to [ ] arrived by [ ]. The Director and Mr. Tolson proceeded to the National Security Council meeting at the White House and thence to [ ], arriving shortly after 1:00 PM.

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[ ] was operational at 12:11 PM, 58 minutes after the alert sounded, and Justice relocation and [ ] were so notified.

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SCHEDULED PROBLEMS

Forty-nine problems were worked with our field offices, many involving two or more offices. This gave us a very thorough check of our communications system at [ ] and in the field, requiring inter-communication between field offices, relocation sites, Resident Agencies, and with other agencies. Provided a thorough check of alertness and speed of response of our field personnel and our communications systems.

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1-Mr. Boardman  
 1-Mr. Nichols  
 1-Mr. Holloman  
 1-Mr. Belmont  
 1-Mr. Hennrich  
 1-Mr. Baumgardner  
 1-Mr. Roach

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 7-25-56  
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*Tolson*



Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

Emergency Detention Program launched at 12:29 PM. All offices reached by 2:46 PM and replies received by 3:53 PM. Prompt Departmental authorization received by teletype at 11:03 AM. Theoretically, we arrested all subjects on Security Index (12,995) except those killed by bombing.

Authorization not received until 2:58 PM from [ ] for program involving protective custody of enemy diplomats. This problem launched at 3:12 PM and replies received by 4:06 PM from field. Diplomats involved, New York - 245 Soviet and 100 satellite; Washington - 277 Soviet and 230 satellite - grand total, 852.

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Included were problems involving espionage, enemy agents landing by submarine, sabotage, etc. The Laboratory staged problems involving emergency equipment, simulated breakdowns of equipment, etc. Field offices found to have good understanding of emergency equipment.

#### OUTSIDE PROBLEMS

Up through 6:00 PM, July 24, we had received from other agencies a total of 41 problems requiring action by us, in contrast to 16 such problems during Operation Alert 1955. Problems were handled promptly, with replies to other agencies where necessary. Problems included sabotage, espionage, financial requirements, security clearance, Attorney General's Portfolio, subversion, essential records, and others. Summary of each problem attached to over-all summary memorandum submitted 7/24/56.

#### AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Availability checks conducted in 18 offices involving nearly 3,000 Agents. All offices contacted their Agents within the hour except Boston, Newark and Philadelphia. Boston (86 Agents) required 1 hour 44 minutes; Newark (128 Agents) 1 hour 25 minutes; and Philadelphia (81 Agents) 1 hour and 55 minutes. Shortest time for small office, Salt Lake City -- 4 minutes (15 Agents); large office, Washington Field--28 minutes (389 Agents). Censure recommended for SAC's Boston, Newark, and Philadelphia.

#### IMPORTANT PROCLAMATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Numerous proclamations and Executive Orders were issued during the exercise, setting into operation emergency measures such as [ ]

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Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

[redacted]  
[redacted] These and the many others are listed with explanations as Attachment B to the over-all summary memorandum submitted 7/24/56.

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### COMMUNICATIONS

Communications at [redacted] were highly effective. Teletype, telephone, and radio systems were used heavily and thoroughly tested. Microwave system was thoroughly tested. Our capabilities to handle volume was excellent and we could have handled more. Volume far greater than during Operation Alert 1955. [redacted] rated Bureau outstanding in every phase of communications. (A total of 1,822 messages were sent or received.)

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### LIAISON

Six Liaison Agents relocated with their agencies. Operation Alert 1956 was an excellent example of value of having our Liaison Agents accompany their agencies to relocation sites. Time and again they were able to furnish us information of value, iron out problems, and cut red tape. During first 5 days we had more than 175 telephonic contacts with Liaison Agents. Our Agents went with [redacted]  
[redacted]

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### DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (REQUIRING ACTION)

1. Availability checks in certain offices. Action recommended.
2. [redacted] delay in advising us re protective custody of enemy diplomats. Protest made and will be followed up by letter to [redacted].
3. Delay in receipt of messages from other agencies, Being mentioned to Attorney General.
4. Automatic encoding and decoding device connected with teletype equipment to [redacted] ineffective. Responsibility of Inter-agency Communications System and National Security Agency and we are following with them.

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Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

5. Radio microwave teletype service with [ ] not activated at [ ] site. [ ]'s responsibility. We are pressing for completion. b7E

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (NO ACTION RECOMMENDED)

1. Inadvertent release to press by [ ] of a story that [ ] Message meant for [ ] has admitted error. b7E
2. Mechanical failure in New York teletype machine on July 21. Repaired by telephone company.
3. Several of Bureau's circuits from [ ] developed failure temporarily, reported by us and corrected. Difficulty was not at [ ] but elsewhere on the circuit. b7E

REPORTS OF ODM INSPECTOR BOLEYN

Boleyn advised that we were marked outstanding on all items except those requiring merely a Yes or No answer, on which we received affirmative checks; that our operations this year are superior to last year and he considers our operations excellent in every respect. This will be reflected in his written report.

PERSONNEL

Personnel attitude excellent. Approached exercise with sense of urgency and care. Businesslike atmosphere prevailed. Long work shifts necessary but no complaints. Personnel reduced as exercise went along and kept to minimum. Services and security by [ ] excellent. List of personnel submitted with over-all summary memorandum 7/24/56. b7E

OBSERVATIONS

1. As far as FBI concerned, this exercise was too long. We worked most of our problems in the first two days and thoroughly tested our communications system and the reaction time of our field offices under emergency instructions. Insofar as the practical value is concerned, we could have completed our tests and reported within three days.

Memorandum for the Director from Mr. Belmont

2. It is fundamental that any exercise of such magnitude as this should be based on the most careful planning with the advance instructions, directives, manuals, etc., based on the firmest possible foundation so that they are factual and understandable and will not be subject to change. We cannot help but feel that this was not true in this case as there were constant changes and shifts in instructions, rules, and policy which increased in rapidity as the time of the exercise approached. This engendered uncertainty which could not help but lend confusion, and thus interfere with the goal of the exercise, namely, to clarify and bring about real understanding of the procedures and mechanics we would need to use in a real emergency. We believe these are legitimate, constructive comments and, therefore, we are including them in our summary memorandum to the Attorney General. (Submitted July 24, 1956.)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We have made a number of recommendations flowing from this exercise which are attached to the over-all summary submitted July 24, 1956.

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July 25, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BOARDMAN  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. NICHOLS

*o Auxiliary Spec  
For S.O.G.*

Today, I attended the Cabinet meeting held at the White House at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was presided over personally by the President and was attended by the entire Cabinet, and in addition thereto, the heads of approximately forty-two Government agencies who had participated in Operation Alert were present.

The group was briefed by [redacted]

[redacted] and Dr. Flemming, of the Office of Defense Mobilization. These gentlemen outlined generally their observations upon the Operation Alert and were unanimous in stating that there had been marked improvement over that of last year.

The President then made some general remarks about the same and expressed his appreciation for the attention which the Government officials and their staffs had given to this matter and stressed the point that in such exercises it must always be recognized that when the real attack comes, if it does, we all will be operating under most abnormal conditions and not with the composure with which the exercises have been conducted.

The President then called upon each member of the Cabinet to express his observations upon Operation Alert, which was done.

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Very truly yours,

*Klg. c. l.*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JUL 27 1956

SENT FROM D. O.

TIME 6:30 PM  
DATE 7-25-56  
BY [signature]

ENCLOSURE  
*Cabinet papers*  
Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 26, 1956

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Cleaves Food Service Corporation  
8405 Ramsey Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

It was indeed kind of you to come to [REDACTED]  
to assist in supervising the catering at [REDACTED]  
during our recent visit there.

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I am sorry the injury you sustained earlier  
necessitated your return home for treatment, and I do hope  
that you will not be incapacitated very long.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: SAC, [REDACTED]

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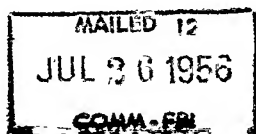
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. J. P. MOHR

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
(Commendation Matter)

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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In connection with Operation Alert, 1956, in addition to the clerks set forth in Attachment C to my memorandum to the Director dated July 24, 1956, I recommend that the following Agent personnel be commended, in view of their wholehearted participation in and valuable services rendered during the alert and in many cases prior thereto:

— J. P. Mohr ✓  
 — J. J. McGuire ✓  
 — O. G. Medler ✓  
 — F. J. Baumgardner ✓  
 — P. R. Bibler ✓  
 — J. H. Kleinkauf ✓  
 — W. A. Branigan ✓  
 — E. T. Turner ✓  
 — W. R. Wannall ✓  
 — L. Whitson ✓  
 — J. F. Bland ✓  
 — P. L. Cox ✓  
 — T. D. Rushing ✓  
 — R. R. Roach ✓  
 — J. Wright Brown ✓  
 — J. G. Landis ✓  
 — D. J. Parsons ✓  
 — C. F. Downing ✓  
 — J. M. Matter ✓  
 — J. F. Gallagher ✓  
 — G. L. Davy ✓  
 — R. L. Millen ✓  
 — J. E. McArdle ✓

I have included Mr. McArdle's name even though he was censured in connection with an incident which happened prior to the start of the exercise. During the exercise, he carried a heavy burden, applied himself assiduously, gave attention to detail, and in every way assisted in bringing about a successful handling of a difficult problem. Therefore, I think he should be commended for his part in the exercise at [REDACTED].

The Liaison Supervisors performed an important function both before and during Operation Alert, 1956. They are listed below:

— J. J. Daunt ✓  
 — G. A. Day ✓  
 — M. W. Kuhrtz ✓  
 — S. J. Papick ✓

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 — B. A. Wells ✓  
 — W. T. Whaley ✓  
 — O. H. Bartlett ✓  
 — D. J. Sullivan ✓

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Memorandum to Mr. Mohr from Mr. Belmont

7/26/56

RE: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
(Commendation Matter)

The Agents who served on security at the relocation site,  
under SAC [redacted], were:

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C. P. Bell

[redacted]

R. W. Evans

[redacted]

H. K. Light

[redacted]

V. R. Schaefer

G. A. Zeiss III

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. R. R. Roach

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 24, 1956

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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

*Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

A teletype was received this afternoon, addressed to members of the Cabinet and heads of agencies, from White House Liaison, stating:

"President has called a meeting for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating Operation Alert 1956. This meeting will be held in the Cabinet Room of the White House at 2:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday July 25, 1956.

"You are personally invited to attend. Agenda if any will be distributed at the meeting. Please arrange to be fully briefed on all the aspects and problems of Operation Alert 1956 which have affected your agency.

"Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by telephone notification to White House Liaison Office, Arctic Extensions 532, 533, or 415.

"If you would like to request air transportation, communicate immediately with Arctic Extension 273 or 274."

Mr. Holloman was furnished this message at the Bureau at 3:00 P.M. He was advised that, upon approval of the Director, we would notify White House Liaison by telephone that the Director will attend.

At 3:25 P.M., Mr. Holloman advised that the Director had approved. At 3:30 P.M., I called Arctic Extension 532 which responded "White House Liaison" and advised that the Director would attend. The message was acknowledged and accepted.

cc - Mr. McGuire  
 cc - Mr. Mohr  
 cc - Mr. Parsons  
 cc - Mr. Belmont  
 cc - Mr. Roach

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1-Yellow  
1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. McArdle  
1-Mr. Day  
1-Liaison Section

July 27, 1956

VIA LIAISON



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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

I should like to express my appreciation to you for the cooperation and assistance rendered by your office to my Liaison Representative, Graham A. Day, who accompanied your office during its relocation in connection with Operation Alert 1956.

Mr. Day has informed me that the willingness to help and the spirit of enthusiasm which he encountered in his contacts with officials of your office greatly aided the solution of mutual problems. He was particularly appreciative of the special courtesies and attention afforded him by [redacted] and his staff.

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Sincerely yours,

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(Attached to cover memorandum from Mr. Roach to Mr. Belmont, 7/26/56, re "Operation Alert 1956 (Liaison Assignments)" GAD:hke)

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- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mason \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *BL 8.6.56*

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB 4/3*

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

*o Auxiliary Space For S.O.G.*

It is believed that the following manuals obtained from the Office of Defense Mobilization for use during OPERATION ALERT, 1956, should be retained in the Records Section:

- (1) Briefing for Operation Alert, 1956 (Revised), Copy No. 57; Copy No. 100; Copy No. 200
- (2) Key Documents for Operation Alert, 1956, Copy No. 344;
- (3) 4 copies of Operational Assignments from Office of Defense Mobilization and  for  Operation Alert, 1956.

RECOMMENDATION:

That all the foregoing manuals be retained in the Records Section.

JEM:dje (6)

1 - Mr. Boardman  
1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Wherry

1 - Section tickler

1 - Mr. McArdle

Tolson *[initials]*  
Nichols *[initials]*  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
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*[Signature]*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH *RR*

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956  
JULY 20-26

DATE: June 15, 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
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This memorandum is being prepared as a recapitulation of the brief submitted encompassing Bureau activities in connection with Operation Alert 1956.

Dates:

July 20-26, 1956;

Place:

[REDACTED]

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Time:

10:00 a.m., EST, 7-20-56 - anticipated time of receipt of alert instituting exercise. We anticipate starting activities at the relocation site approximately 1 hr. 25 min. later. Test will terminate 11:00 a.m., EST, 7-26-56;

Personnel:

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED] officials and Agents - clerical employees. It is anticipated that some of these employees can be released after the first two days of the exercise. Hours - Two 12-hour shifts. Meals - Served in dining room. Sleeping - Two shifts - everyone on [REDACTED]. Corridor partition separating male and female participants;

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Security:

24-hour guard by Agent personnel.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Sect. tick.
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Communications:

Telephone - 11 emergency incoming lines - 1 to [redacted], 10 to [redacted], 2 standby direct circuits - 1 to [redacted], 1 to New York Office. In addition there are direct lines to the Bureau's switchboard in Justice Building and to Interagency Communications Center at [redacted]; 1 microwave circuit to [redacted]; 1 microwave circuit to [redacted] relocation site. [redacted] a private telephone system providing direct communication between [redacted] b7E

[redacted]

This system not designed for communication between agencies.

Teletype - 9 machines - 3 to [redacted], 1 to Justice Building, 1 to [redacted], 1 to Justice relocation site, 1 to [redacted], 1 microwave circuit to [redacted], 1 microwave circuit to [redacted] relocation site.

Radio - Direct and relay service to 52 FBI offices and Immigration and Naturalization Service at Justice Department relocation site;

Field Offices Participating:

52.  
52 for general alert  
47 for special problems  
18 for actual availability checks;

Test Problems:

41 problems of which 15 can be repeated using other offices than the problems now call for; 21 Liaison contacts;

Report of Test:

Summary for Director and Attorney General to be incorporated in Departmental report to ODM.

*Memorandum to Mr. Belmont*

*I. Alert*

*It is anticipated that a simulated alert will be received at 10:00 a.m., EST, July 20, 1956. Following receipt of this alert the established notification procedure will be placed into operation (we do not plan to notify Departmental officials in connection with this simulated alert). Upon receipt of notification all employees having essential wartime functions [ ] will assemble in the corridor outside room 1541 where they will be checked off. This will test the effectiveness of our notification and assembling procedures. [ ] of the people so reporting will be instructed to depart immediately for the relocation site.*

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*[ ] All employees reporting to the 1500 corridor not being taken to relocation site will be instructed to resume their normal duties. The time factor from receipt of the simulated alert to departure of the Bureau bus will be checked and recorded.*

*II. [ ] Facilities*

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*All space in [ ] will be set up in accordance with previous plans designed to accommodate Bureau operations under emergency conditions. This will test the effectiveness and efficiency of our space, supplies and equipment now at [ ].*

*III. Security at [ ]*

*SAC [ ] will establish strong security measures during the course of this operation. A 24-hour guard force made up of Agent personnel will be used. Access to the relocation site will be controlled all during the test through a check-in and registration system. All individuals entering [ ] will be required to clearly identify themselves and appropriately register upon entering.*

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*IV. Sleeping Accommodations*

*As in an actual emergency only [ ] [ ] will be used for sleeping accommodations.*

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

A partition will be erected across [ ] corridor separating the male and female sleeping accommodations. b7E

V. Meals

Meals will be served as follows:

Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.;  
Luncheon - 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.;  
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and for  
night shift, midnight to 2:00 a.m.

VI. Communications

All emergency communications installations at the relocation site will be given a rigid test during this entire exercise. Radio contact will be had with many Bureau offices during the period. Our standby direct telephone circuits between [ ] and New York Office avoiding Washington and Baltimore and between [ ] and [ ] will be activated during the test. Telephone and teletype messages will also be directed to and from many Bureau field offices as well as to and from Bureau liaison Agents who will accompany 7 agencies in the Executive Branch of the Government to their relocation sites for this test. b7E

VII. Field Office Participation

All Bureau field offices will be contacted from the relocation site during the exercise. All offices will be contacted at their headquarters city and a representative number of offices at their emergency relocation site or nearby resident agency. Field offices will occupy relocation sites with a minimum staff for the first two days only. A minimum of 191 contacts will be made to Bureau field offices.

VIII. Availability of Agent Personnel in the Field

A detailed brief of this exercise provides for a communication from [ ] to 18 Bureau field offices after b7E

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

normal working hours instructing those offices to carry out an actual availability check of Agents in headquarters city. The field offices to be contacted are not being given advance notice of the availability checks. Each of the 18 offices being contacted will be instructed to complete a check and reply by specified means of communication as soon as possible, indicating the time they receive the message; the number of Agents in headquarters city and time required to contact 50% of them; time required to contact all Agents at headquarters city, number of Agents requiring more than 1 hour to contact and time first attempt to contact relocation site was made.

IX. Test Problems

Test problems have been developed to cover all Bureau offices. Among the problems devised are these:

1. A substituted message to each office simulating the alert to standby to start the Emergency Detention Program later in the course of this exercise. Another substituted message will be sent to all offices simulating instructions to institute the Emergency Detention Program. This second message will be sent only after appropriate authority has been received from the Attorney General.

2. Problems relative to the Security Index and the apprehension of individuals on the Index. These problems cover several different situations and include all situations which it is anticipated will arise in connection with this program in an actual emergency.

3. Problems involving the detention of diplomats of enemy nations and their dependents. These problems include a situation wherein enemy diplomats are touring the country at the time [ ] authorizes the institution b7E of the emergency program calling for their detention.



*Memorandum to Mr. Belmont*

4. Problems involving getting information to and from Bureau liaison Agents who will be stationed at the relocation sites of the agencies with which they normally do business.

5. Specified problems have been developed to include reported landing of enemy Agents; involving reported sabotage of key industry, some of which require an office to contact a road or resident Agent and advise the Bureau of the time required to do so.

6. The Laboratory has developed problems involving the use of instruments designed to detect the presence of radioactive particles, the use of instruments designed to test the accumulation of the extent of exposure to radioactive particles as well as problems involving simulated breakdown of radio, telephone and cryptographic equipment. Other Laboratory problems involve the operation of certain equipment at [ ] and require field offices to operate their radio equipment on emergency power. b7E

Upon completion of this test exercise an appropriate report for submission to the Attorney General will be prepared.

ACTION:

*For information.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BAUMGARDNER

DATE: July 21, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956  
EXERCISE UNCAP

Tolson	_____
Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

At 5:35 p.m. today, Liaison Agent Papich called from [ ] relocation to advise that [ ] had sent a classified message which apparently received wide dissemination serving the current situation in Operation Alert - 1956, and prognosticating future events. In the last part of this message the FBI is quoted as stating there is or will be wide-spread sabotage. Papich was unable to go into detail because of the classification of the message.

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At 5:45 p.m. I called Liaison Agent Day at [ ] relocation and furnished him the above information. I requested him to check immediately with [ ] to find out just what this message is and what information is attributed to the FBI and from whence it came.

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At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Day called back to advise he had checked into this. It pertains to Summary No. 2 by [ ] of the situation purporting to exist under conditions of this exercise, primarily from the Military standpoint. The final sentence of the summary states: "FBI has evidence large-scale sabotage planned for early initiation." Day talked to the man who prepared this and was advised that this was purely an exercise message and the FBI was not being quoted.

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Inasmuch as this is a true statement, based on summaries of potential sabotage we have furnished the Military in the past to the

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cc: Belmont  
Baumgardner  
Roach  
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Memorandum to Mr. Baumgardner from Mr. Belmont

effect Communists in this country would undoubtedly engage in sabotage in an emergency, there appears to be no further action necessary regarding this. No queries have been received from anyone concerning this matter.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : J. F. Gallagher

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956  
BOMB DAMAGE AND FALLOUT ASSESSMENTSSYNOPSIS: Poplar Emergency Headquarters  
F.F.S.D.I.C.

For the Director's information a detailed report has been prepared of our calculations and estimates based on all data pertaining to bombing during Operation Alert, in order to show casualties of Bureau employees and damage to Bureau installations. The purpose of these calculations and estimates is to show the magnitude of the problem that will be faced by the Bureau, to insure that we have an adequate system of calculating bomb damage and fallout, and, in accordance with the Director's instructions to you at [redacted], to insure that our relocation sites for the various field offices are in the best possible locations based on the most likely situations that we can anticipate.

GENERAL:

The following tabulation shows the situation as a whole for the United States and possessions based on information furnished from [redacted] and Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM).

Targets Hit by Nuclear Explosions .....	119
Number of States Suffering from Blasts .....	36
Cities Hit .....	72
Military Targets .....	24
Canadian Targets .....	11

BUREAU INSTALLATIONS:

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* Employees Killed (approximate) .....	1129
* Employees Injured (approximate) .....	1203
Field Office Cities Hit .....	31
Relocation Sites Unsafe for Operation .....	6
(All these sites were moved to safe alternate sites - simulated)	
Field Offices Completely Destroyed .....	15
From Blast Damage .....	

- \* Initial alert for all field offices in United States received at least two hours prior to attack. This factor plus prompt intelligent action to alert minimized casualties for these offices.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Roach

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Tolson ✓  
Boardman ✓  
Nichols ✓  
Belmont ✓  
Mohr ✓  
Parsons ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm ✓  
Sizoo ✓  
Winterrowd ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman ✓  
Gandy ✓

MEMORANDUM TO MR. PARSONS

The detailed report of our calculations and estimates broken down into field offices and Seat of Government is attached. It might be noted under our present plans only six relocation sites were rendered unsafe for operation and we simulated the moving of these relocation sites.

ACTION:

The Laboratory will immediately proceed with calculations of prevailing winds and probable fallout patterns in order to insure that all relocation sites are in the best possible locations.

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*expedited.*  
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## FIELD OFFICE STATUS REPORT

### INTRODUCTION

- (a) Under the name of the office is the relocation site selected prior to attack.
- (b) Under the number of employees assigned to the office are the casualty figures.
- (c) The type of blast is listed when known as either Air, Surface or Missile. It is to be noted that fallout is negligible subsequent to air blasts. The abbreviation MT represents megaton. This means that the blast effect of the detonation is equivalent to the blast from one million tons of TNT. The abbreviation KT represents kiloton. This means that the blast effect of the detonation is equivalent to the blast of one thousand tons of TNT.
- (d) Cities wherein Resident Agents are located are listed only if they were affected by nuclear detonations.
- (e) Zones of damage from blasts are A, B, C, and D.
  - A Zone - Zone immediately surrounding ground zero. Only reinforced concrete buildings standing and these are severely damaged. Records and files completely destroyed. Streets impassable. All vehicles destroyed. All facilities out.
  - B Zone - Buildings severely damaged. Possibility of salvaging few files and records from reinforced concrete or steel frame buildings. Streets impassable. All vehicles destroyed. Few facilities intact, for example, underground lines, pipes, sewers, etc.
  - C Zone - Moderate damage to interior of buildings. Many files and records can be salvaged if not heavily contaminated by fallout. Roads blocked with rubble. Some vehicles usable. Utilities partly damaged.
  - D Zone - Slight building damage. Most facilities and records that have not been contaminated can be salvaged. Most vehicles usable. Facilities suffered only slight damage.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

(Poplan)

Emergency

Headquarters - For C.O.D.

In accordance with the Director's instructions, there are set forth below the results of the availability checks conducted at eighteen field divisions during Operation Alert, 1956. During these checks 2811 agents were contacted.

In conducting these checks each office was instructed to commence the check immediately upon completion of the Bureau's telephone call; to immediately telephonically contact the Bureau's relocation site upon completion of the check; and thereafter submit a confirmatory teletype. Each office was to report the following:

(1) Time the office received the Bureau's call; (2) Number of agents on active duty status in headquarters city and time required to contact 50 per cent of them; (3) Time required to contact all agents on active duty status at headquarters city; (4) Number of agents requiring more than one call to contact; and (5) Time first attempt to contact Bureau's relocation site was made.

There are set forth below the results of this availability check problem:

<u>Office</u>	<u>No. of Agents</u>	<u>Time to Contact 50% of them</u>	<u>Time to Contact All Agents</u>
Baltimore	76	23 minutes	35 minutes
* <u>Boston</u>	86	49 minutes	<u>1 hour, 44 minutes</u>

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cc - Messrs. Boardman

Mason

Mohr

Belmont

Baumgardner

Roach

McArdle

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Per [signature]

Memorandum for the Director

<u>Office</u>	<u>No. of Agents</u>	<u>Time to Contact 50 % of them</u>	<u>Time to Contact All Agents</u>
Chicago	244	21 minutes	45 minutes
Cleveland	67	13 minutes	18 minutes
Denver	33	10 minutes	15 minutes
Detroit.	135	22 minutes	58 minutes
El Paso	15	5 minutes	15 minutes
Los Angeles	244	12 minutes	32 minutes
Memphis	18	4 minutes	27 minutes
* <u>Newark</u>	128	31 minutes	<u>1 hour, 25 minutes</u>
New York	1043	15 minutes	55 minutes
Norfolk	16	4 minutes	9 minutes
* <u>Philadelphia</u>	81	20 minutes	<u>1 hour, 55 minutes</u>
Portland	19	8 minutes	26 minutes
Salt Lake City	15	2 minutes	4 minutes
San Diego	25	15 minutes	30 minutes
San Francisco	177	19 minutes	41 minutes
Washington Field	389	8 minutes	28 minutes

\*Offices requiring more than one hour to contact all Agents. Explanations requested and received. Letters of censure recommended for Special Agents in Charge as fault lies in systems employed by them. All Agents were reached promptly once the attempt was made to contact them.



Memorandum for the Director

There is attached an SAC Letter instructing that all offices should have devised an efficient, practical system to enable all Special Agent personnel to be located immediately during an emergency, which system should be ready for use at a moment's notice.

RECOMMENDATION:

The above is for the information of the Director to reflect the results of the availability checks made during Operation Alert, 1956.

It is recommended that the attached SAC Letter be approved and transmitted to the field.

*[Handwritten mark]*

*gjh*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 25, 1956

FROM : MR. W. V. CLEVELAND

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

4-3300-1-10 - For S.O.C.

Re memo from Mr. Belmont to the Director, dated July 25, 1956, attached, which enclosed a proposed SAC Letter regarding the results of availability checks conducted at 18 field divisions during Operation Alert, 1956.

At 9:25 AM, July 25, 1956, Mr. Belmont called from [redacted] at which time he dictated a new first paragraph for the proposed SAC Letter incorporating changes desired by the Director. He further instructed that a tabulation reflecting the time required to contact Agents in each of the offices be attached to the SAC Letter.

## ACTION:

The revised SAC Letter with tabulation attached is attached hereto for approval.

Enclosure

WVC:mn

cc - Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Cleveland  
 (3)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956  
(LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Day relocated with [redacted] at [redacted] during Operation Alert 1956 from 1:21 p.m., July 20, until 3:00 p.m., July 25. Approximately [redacted] persons relocated with [redacted] at this site, and about [redacted] relocated with [redacted] at [redacted].

Day was furnished a desk in the [redacted] and had access to all points within both [redacted] and [redacted] sites. His liaison with [redacted] was, however, primarily by phone since transportation to [redacted] is confined to officially escorted vehicles which must be arranged for in advance. He talked with [redacted] and [redacted], the [redacted] members, upon his arrival and offered to be of any assistance possible; both, however, left Saturday evening and did not return.

Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] were present at any time. [redacted] arrived late Friday but left, with [redacted], early Saturday afternoon. They returned to [redacted] early Tuesday evening and remained until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday morning. Although [redacted]'s living quarters are at [redacted], his office is at [redacted]. Among the many individuals met by Day during the exercise were [redacted].

[redacted] and a large number of other officials and their subordinates. As reported by telephone, Day was contacted by [redacted] representatives for information concerning various aspects of our Detcom Program. He was also able to secure information from "Top Secret" and "Secret" [redacted] and [redacted] communications in order to satisfy inquiries made by Bureau Officials. Attached is a "critique" prepared by [redacted].

[redacted] and presented to [redacted] for the latter's use at the meeting of the heads of all agencies held Wednesday, July 25. This "critique" outlines a number of internal problems encountered by [redacted] which are of no interest to us.

Enclosures (5)

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GAD: hke (5)

1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. McArdle

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1-Mr. Day

1-Liaison Section

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Also attached are proposed letters to [redacted] and to [redacted], thanking them for the cooperation and assistance afforded the Director's liaison representative.

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ACTION:

This is for your information. The letters to [redacted] and to [redacted] are attached.

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1. 3-4 days on future exercises
2. not during last days of active program
3. An "Alert Cadre" to go into effect if internal situation deteriorate

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MASON *✓*

DATE: 7/26/56

FROM



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SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman *✓*  
 Belmont *✓*  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to instructions of Mr. Belmont, I am setting out below the cost of Operation Alert 1956 at the relocation site:

Salaries & Expenses, Agent personnel	\$2,382.16
Salaries, Clerical & Maintenance Personnel	1,384.38
Utilities (6 Days)	94.64
Laundry (6 Days)	64.40
Clerical & Steno supplies	180.00
	<u>\$4,105.58</u>

*Boach*  
*McArdle*

## RECOMMENDATION:

This memo be forwarded to Mr. Belmont in order that this sum can be consolidated with Seat of Government cost figures of Operation Alert 1956.

*J*

cc: Mr. Mohr  
 Mr. McArdle

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956

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 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Explan Emergency Headquarters For S.O.G.

You will recall that we maintain a copy of all incoming communications as well as all memoranda prepared at the relocation site during OPERATION ALERT, 1956. The foregoing mentioned communications and memoranda have been placed in a box roughly the same capacity as a file drawer. It is believed that all of this data should be retained for at least 60 days and thereafter culled through and only the originals of memoranda prepared in connection with the Operation retained.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the above-mentioned communications and memoranda now placed in a cardboard box be retained as a bulky exhibit in the Records Section for 60 days.

JEM:ajep (5)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Wherry
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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Butter Keep  
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 V. M. M.

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Volume has been reduced. Balance should be returned  
 8/9/59

1- ENCLOSURE  
 1- Bulky  
 Material destroyed  
 7/24/57  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: July 21, 1956

FROM : R. L. Millen

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956  
MICROWAVE RADIO STATION

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Boardman	_____
Nichols	_____
Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Sizoo	_____
Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

As you know, the Bureau's microwave radio station terminal located [redacted] carries telephone conversations by radio to and from [redacted] and [redacted]. The purpose of the microwave network is to back up the commercial land line facilities between these points.

This microwave facility was checked immediately upon arrival at the relocation headquarters. Our terminal equipment and plant is in excellent shape. Two channels are available to [redacted] and one to [redacted]. Test calls were exchanged over the circuits by our engineers.

Subsequently, during the progress of the Alert, the switchboard reports that various calls have been routed smoothly by microwave facilities.

As new information bearing on our state of readiness for any eventuality, it is noted that since the last Alert the Laboratory has installed an emergency gasoline-driven generator in the microwave station which is so equipped that it will start automatically in the event the public utilities power fails. This equipment was tested and operated quite satisfactorily.

In addition, our terminal has had teletype facilities ready to operate over microwave facilities to the centers mentioned above for a long period of time. A circuit is operative to [redacted]; however, as of this time [redacted] has not placed the facilities on its end in operation.

## ACTION:

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Informative, and we will continue to check with [redacted] and stand by for any teletype tests whenever they indicate they are ready.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Roach

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Mr. Tamm 4130 IB	7630A

Miss Gandy 5633	Mr. Malley 5710
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Mr. Nease 5744	Mr. Evans 4720
Mr. Scatterday	Mr. Callan 4746
Mr. McInturff	Mr. Price 5714
Mrs. Henley	Mr. Stanley 2252
Miss Lapish	M
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	Initial & Return
	Per conversation
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*sent to Mr. Sizoo*

L. V. BOARDMAN

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

, 1956

TO:

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to send

L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 5, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - OPERATION ALERT, 1956  
B. plan - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.C.

Current plans provide for taking [ ] individuals to the relocation site for the 7-day period of OPERATION ALERT, 1956. Just how many of these individuals will be released after the first few days of the exercise is unknown at this time since that will depend upon the number of problems presented by outside agencies. Certain employees will be working night shifts and others, particularly the communications employees, will be working split shifts, and while not sleeping may have need for recreational facilities.

To that end SAC [ ] has advised that there will be available the television set normally at [ ]. This [ ] is not being otherwise used in connection with this exercise. There are also copies of 3 moving picture films which are normally [ ]. These films are: "The Street with No Name," "The House on 92nd Street," and "Walk East on Beacon Street." These films can be shown during evening hours to provide recreation for employees not on duty at that time. [ ] with books, newspapers, periodicals, and games will also be available.

In addition to the foregoing, there are other recreational facilities available at [ ] such as an outdoor movie, within walking distance of [ ], which may be made available to those individuals who may have a few minutes of free time during the week they will be at the relocation site.

RECOMMENDATION:

That SAC [ ] be authorized to make available the television set, moving pictures, facilities of [ ] as well as other facilities available at [ ] for those employees participating in OPERATION ALERT, 1956, when they are not on duty.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Mason (attention [ ])
- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - Mr. McArdle

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

*4-11-56 For E.O.D.*

The Director has been invited to attend a meeting of the National Security Council in the Cabinet Room of the White House on July 20, 1956. It is anticipated this meeting will begin at approximately 11:20 a.m., and the Director is to proceed to the Cabinet Room of the White House immediately following the sounding of the alert beginning Operation Alert, 1956. This meeting is to be completely devoted to Operation Alert, 1956, and will consider major policy issues which would require Presidential action under the situation assumed to exist in the beginning of Operation Alert, 1956. The Director of ODM will make the presentation.

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☐  
Mr. Nichols ☐  
Mr. Belmont ☐  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
Mr. Tamm ☐  
Mr. Nease ☐  
Mr. Winterrowd ☐  
Tele. Room ☐  
Mr. Holloman ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

*Roach*  
*McGuire*

Attached is a brief of information reflecting: (1) The action the Bureau would take in a real emergency. (2) A summary of the action we are going to take under the assumptions of Operation Alert, 1956. (3) A brief discussion of the martial law and (4) brief summary of the contents of the Attorney General's Portfolio.

Pat Coyne has no knowledge that any problems will be posed to persons attending the meeting; however, ODM is running the meeting. We believe that the attached information, while it will probably not be needed by the Director, will furnish any information the Director may need, should questions arise.

**ACTION:**

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For your information. 6 JUL 30 1956

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson (10)

- cc: Mr. Holloman
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Board
- Mr. Baumgardner

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*I attended this meeting at the White House. It was presided over by the President. Dr. Fleming outlined the exercise of the powers separately the 36 documents of the program. I signed by the President. (I have given the copy of the book containing the documents to ODM for their use in Operation Alert 1956 exercise). The President indicated another meeting of all those present would be held at 2:30 p.m. on July 25.*

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 21, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

Buplan

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT 1956  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

During the exercise of Operation Alert we encountered few equipment failures. (a) On the Bureau's teletype circuits from [ ] to [ ] at 1:40 p.m., EDT, on 7-20-56, circuits 280 and 466 simultaneously became inoperative. The trouble was reported to C & P Telephone Company of [ ] and with the Chief Test Board Operator and both circuits were cleared in about 20 minutes. The explanation given by the Chief Test Operator was bad tube located in the carrier equipment at the [ ] teletypewriter board on both circuits. This occurred at approximately the same time the tornado passed by [ ].

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(b) Circuit 280 became inoperative at 8:36 a.m. on 7-21-56 and the trouble was immediately reported to the Test Board at [ ] and cleared by the Test Board at [ ] at 9:02 a.m., EDT.

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(c) Circuit 5124, which is one of our 2 private land line telephones to [ ], went out of service at 10:55 a.m., EDT, 7-20-56. Trouble reported to [ ] and service cleared at [ ] at 12:05 p.m.

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(d) Circuit 3561-08, which is a private line duplex crypto circuit to [ ] located in our code room, was repaired and activated at 8:20 p.m., 7-20-56; however, it had no local loop for off-line enciphering and deciphering. At 9:45 p.m. report was made to the C & P Telephone Company repairman that the circuit was inoperative on the receiver cipher. At 6:55 a.m., 7-21-56, the C & P Test Board at [ ] was advised to follow through on the trouble at that point.

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(e) Circuit PD3, which is one of our 2 microwave telephone circuits on [ ] went out of service at 4:56 a.m., 7-21-56. Laboratory engineers were advised. Trouble was located at [ ]'s relocation center at [ ] and service was restored.

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(g) Teletype The Laboratory is reporting on Circuit PD3, which is the [ ] microwave circuit to the Bureau's relocation center, at [ ]. This line was activated at 3:05 p.m., 7-20-56. We were ready at this end and had been following to complete its activation. The Laboratory is also reporting on the teletype microwave circuit with [ ]. ICS has not furnished us a circuit number to date and service has never been established on an operating basis by [ ] on this line. This matter is being followed with [ ] by the Laboratory.

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cc - Mr. Parsons

Mr. Wherry

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *7-31-56*

DATE: July 30, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLANS - A PERMANENT STAFFING  
OF RELOCATION SITES

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont ☒  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Buplan - Emergency Headquarters For S.O.C.*

The "Washington Star," July 26, 1956, carried an article entitled "President Wants Staffs at Hideaways All Year." You will recall that one of the considerations in selecting [redacted] as our relocation site was the fact that [redacted]

SAC [redacted] has arranged to have most of his personnel trained in the use of the various communication facilities in [redacted] including the maintenance, use and repair of cryptographic equipment. SAC [redacted] has familiarized himself with [redacted] which will be used in an actual emergency. In substance, the FBI relocation site is staffed on a year-round basis.

ACTION:

For your information.

- 1 - Mr. Boardman  
 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Mason (attention [redacted])  
 1 - Section tickler  
 1 - Mr. McArdle

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# President Wants Staffs At Hideaways All Year

By GARNETT D. HORNER

President Eisenhower wants Government agencies to keep small groups of employes at their emergency relocation sites on a year-round basis.

Arthur S. Flemming, Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, disclosed that the President suggested such action at a 70-minute meeting at the White House yesterday afternoon winding up Operation Alert 1956.

During the alert, which began last Friday as a major civil defense test, key employes of 42 Government agencies were dispersed to emergency relocation sites to carry on operations as if Washington had been devastated by a hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Flemming said officials concerned would "go to work" immediately on the President's suggestion for keeping small groups at the relocation centers permanently so that they could be activated more quickly in the event of a real emergency.

## Secrecy Problem Seen

Mr. Flemming said this would increase the problem of keeping secret the location of the emergency centers, but that this was only one of several problems that would have to be worked out.

He emphasized only small groups of employes from each agency would be involved. Ideally, he said, the group permanently at a relocation site would do regular work for its agency, but would be trained to take over in an emergency.

Heads of the 42 agencies that participated in Operation Alert 1956 met with the President yesterday, reporting on the operation. Mr. Flemming said the President expressed delight at the progress which has been made over the past year in dealing with civil defense problems.

He added that there is no question but that substantial progress has been made since the first Operation Alert a year ago, although a great deal

needs to be done that we will be working on during the coming year."

Federal Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson said that in view of the size of the problem, "we have two or three laps more around the world before we catch up with it."

Mr. Peterson lauded co-operation of the Defense Department in the 1956 exercise.

## Worth Effort, Wilson Says

Secretary of Defense Wilson emphasized that the Defense Department participated, not as a war game, but to see what could be done for the civilian population in the assumed emergency situation.

"From my point of view," Mr. Wilson added "the exercise was more than worth the effort it cost."

He said he found some good things and some "bad things which we will work at improving."

Mr. Peterson emphasized that the main responsibility for civil defense still rests with local communities.

"In this problem, whether America survives or not is going to depend on the initiative and imagination displayed by our governors and mayors," the Civil Defense Administrator said.

He said the Federal work being done in Washington is necessary "but the bombs will fall at the local level, there will be chaos and confusion for many days, and local authorities will have to move in if America is to survive."

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]*

*[Handwritten signature: M. J. [unclear]]*

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Date 7-26-56  
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*memo Belmont & the Boardman  
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ENCLOSURE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956  
LIAISON ASSIGNMENT

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Gandy	_____

SYNOPSIS:

Buplan Emergency Headquarters  
For S.O.C.

Pursuant to instructions, Liaison Agent M.W. Kuhrtz arrived at [redacted] relocation site, [redacted], 12:15 P.M., (EDT) to perform liaison duties during Operation Alert - 1956, July 20-25, 1956. Desk and telephone provided at site. Sleeping accommodations for all personnel arranged by [redacted] at local hotels and motels. [redacted] relocation site located [redacted].

[redacted]. Approximately [redacted] personnel evacuated for the operation on 7-20-56. A total of 24 contacts was made with the Bureau site at [redacted]. Delay experienced in obtaining [redacted] authority to initiate FBI apprehension enemy diplomats. This situation due to ranking [redacted] officials encountering extremely heavy rain and wind storm in [redacted] from Washington after the 11:00 A.M. alert 7-20-56. This matter taken up with [redacted] and [redacted] at which time it was pointed out that this delay had serious effects on Bureau's operation and under real conditions could have a very adverse effect on the successful apprehension of enemy diplomats. A permanent record of incident made by [redacted] in its War Plans File with recommended steps to avoid similar future delays. Kuhrtz attended all [redacted]'s staff meetings as observer to gain first-hand knowledge of [redacted] policy problems and decisions. [redacted] operations handicapped since largest portion of its business deals with [redacted] and in this connection on 7-21-56 the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) required [redacted] to desist from any such problems. Observation: Operation Alert - 1956 was the first time [redacted] participated in this sort of activity on a full scale. Last year (Operation Alert - 1955), [redacted] evacuated; however, conducted its normal business rather than engaging in the alert activities as planned by ODM. As a result, many problems were encountered this year which could have been eliminated in advance had [redacted] had the benefit of a previous exercise.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Mr. Whitson
- 1 - Liaison Section

1 - Mr. Kuhrtz  
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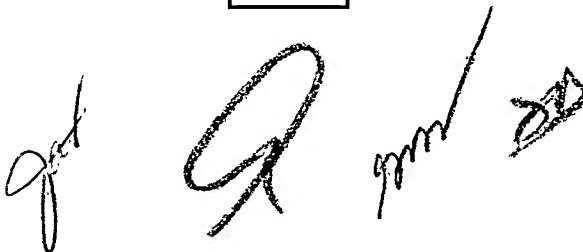


*Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach*

RECOMMENDATION:

*Since it is obvious that [ ] will have a much greater program of activities coordinated in advance of future operations, it is therefore apparent that a liaison representative will serve a greater benefit to the Bureau than has been apparent heretofore. In view of this, it is recommended that the Bureau continue to maintain liaison representation with [ ] on all evacuation planning.*

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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach

DETAILS:

Pursuant to instructions, Liaison Agent M.W. Kuhrtz departed from the Justice Building at 10:00 A.M., 7-20-56, en route to the [ ] relocation site at [ ] to act in a liaison capacity for Operation Alert - 1956. Contact was made with the Bureau site ([ ]) from [ ] at [ ] (7-20-56).

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Kuhrtz was contacted by Mr. Belmont at 12:15 P.M. (7-20) with request that [ ] authority be obtained for the apprehension of enemy diplomats in the United States. Mr. Belmont was advised that due to a heavy rain and wind storm, no one in authority had as yet arrived at [ ] for [ ]. Further, Mr. Belmont would be notified as quickly as [ ]'s authority could be obtained.

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Kuhrtz received a second call from Mr. Belmont at 2:05 P.M. (7-20) and again was forced to advise Mr. Belmont that no one with authority had arrived to act for [ ] in this matter. During this period, Kuhrtz was in contact with [ ] in order to determine instantly the arrival of any ranking [ ] official. At 2:50 P.M. (7-20) [ ] arrived at [ ]'s relocation site. The above matter was immediately taken up by Kuhrtz with [ ] and at 2:58 P.M. contact was made by Kuhrtz with Mr. Roach at [ ]. Roach was advised that [ ] authority was granted for the Bureau to take into protective custody all enemy diplomats. (More will follow on this delay later.)

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[ ]'s relocation site is located [ ] on 7-20-56, evacuated approximately [ ] people with an additional [ ] arriving on 7-23-56. Kuhrtz was assigned a desk in the space occupied by [ ] [ ] was the ranking [ ] official who arrived at the relocation site approximately 3:30 P.M. on 7-20-56 and remained in charge of the operation until 9:30 A.M., 7-25-56, at which time he returned to Washington to brief [ ] at the Heads of Agency meeting with the President at 2:30 P.M., 7-25-56.

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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach

During the course of the five-day operation, a total of 24 contacts were made between Kuhrtz and [redacted]. Kuhrtz was invited by [redacted] to attend all of [redacted]'s staff meetings at [redacted] as an observer. These staff meetings usually occurred twice a day. This participation permitted Kuhrtz to gain a firsthand knowledge of all of [redacted]'s policy problems and decisions arising from the operation, some of which were of intelligence interest to the Bureau and were accordingly relayed to [redacted].

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The following additional agencies had liaison representatives at [redacted]: [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted].

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It is pointed out that the instant operation was the first time that [redacted] actually participated 100 per cent under the regulations established by the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) for an emergency situation. Last year (Operation Alert - 1955) [redacted] moved [redacted] personnel to [redacted] for the purpose of conducting its normal "live" business without actively engaging in the operation alert activities along with the other agencies. As a result, there were many problems encountered by [redacted] this year which seemingly could have been eliminated in advance had [redacted] had the benefit of a previous exercise as experienced by most of the other agencies evacuating. One situation which reduced [redacted]'s activity was the fact that a day after the operation began, [redacted] was requested by ODM to avoid simulation of [redacted].

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[redacted]. Since this is by far the greatest volume of [redacted]'s business, its Operation Alert activities were accordingly retarded. If this restriction had been understood by [redacted] in advance of the operation, appropriate advance planning could have been made.

[redacted] submitted a daily summary accomplishment report to ODM. On the evening of 7-24-56, a final accomplishment report was submitted to ODM. This report did not include any of the problems or breakdowns encountered, nor were any recommendations made relative to the operation. All such observations will be included in a final [redacted] report requested by ODM by August 31, 1956.

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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach

With regard to the delay mentioned above concerning [ ] authority to apprehend enemy diplomats, it is pointed out that this authority was obtained and relayed to [ ] as quickly as a ranking [ ] official arrived at [ ] from Washington. It is further pointed out that an exceedingly heavy rain and wind storm did delay all [ ] evacuees who left Washington at 11:00 A.M., 7-20-56, for [ ]. Upon [ ]'s arrival at 2:50 P.M., he was immediately contacted for Bureau authority in this instance. [ ] stated he would immediately contact [ ] [ ], ranking [ ] official, to determine whether the President had signed the necessary papers declaring a national emergency. Since Kuhrtz was aware at this moment that [ ] had not yet arrived at [ ], [ ] was so advised and referred to the Operation Alert - 1956 Manual furnished all departments by ODM which specifically stated that for the purpose of the exercise, it will be assumed that the President officially declared a national emergency at 11:15 A.M., 7-20-56. [ ] stated that he had not seen this manual nor had he been briefed on the ODM rules established for the operation. Simultaneous with this conversation (2:54 P.M.), [ ] received a telephone call from Deputy Attorney General Rogers inquiring relative to [ ]'s delay in this matter. [ ]'s conversation with Mr. Rogers was made in Kuhrtz's presence and it was suggested by Kuhrtz that [ ] verify through Mr. Rogers the President's simulated signature declaring a national emergency. Since the President's action was then verified, [ ] accordingly approved the Bureau's request and Kuhrtz immediately contacted Mr. Roach at [ ] at 2:58 P.M. to advise him of [ ]'s authority. This matter was subsequently taken up with both [ ] and [ ] and it was pointed out by Kuhrtz that this delay in obtaining [ ]'s authority to initiate FBI action in apprehending enemy diplomats had serious effects on the Bureau's operation and in the event a similar situation occurred under real conditions, it could have very adverse effect on the Bureau's success in the immediate apprehension of these diplomats.

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In this connection, [ ] indicated that he had not been thoroughly briefed on the Operation Alert - 1956 Manual and advised that he was not actually aware of the President's signature declaring a national emergency until a

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*Memo to Mr. Belmont  
from Mr. Roach*

*telephone conversation he had with the Director of ODM on the morning of 7-21-56. Relative to this incident, [ ] prepared a memorandum for [ ] to be included in [ ]'s War Plans File which was displayed to Kuhrtz. This memorandum referred to the delay and further recommended that all bureau heads in [ ] be thoroughly briefed by [ ]'s War Plans Officer on such matters in order that more expeditious action can be accomplished in the future.*

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*Since this was the first operation that [ ] has participated in on a full scale, it is the opinion of the writer that for future operations [ ] will coordinate in advance a much greater program of activities as a result of their instant exercise. In view of this observation, it is apparent that a liaison representative at [ ] will serve a greater Bureau benefit in the future than has been apparent heretofore.*

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*Kuhrtz had sleeping accommodations at [ ] and at 3:05 P.M., 7-25-56, departed for Washington.*

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1 - Section tickler  
1 - Mr. McArdle

SAC, New York

July 31, 1956

Director, FBI (66-17381)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SEAT OF GOVERNMENT  
DEFENSE PLANS FOR CHAIN OF COMMAND**

Reur routing slip 7-25-56 inquiring as to Phase II of Domestic Intelligence Division evacuation plans.

Pages 16-33, headed "Evacuation, Phase II, Alexandria Area," and so forth, are replaced by material contained in "Entire New Section of Domestic Intelligence Division Relocation Plans," which you received with insert No. 10 as pages 1-17. Inasmuch as Phase II of the Domestic Intelligence Division evacuation plans pertain to a period after the first 24-48 hours of actual occupation of the relocation site, it is not believed that this phase is necessary in Highlights of Seat of Government Defense Plans for the Chain of Command. The Domestic Intelligence defense plans on file at the relocation site do contain evacuation, Phase II, of Domestic Intelligence Division defense plans and will be available at that site if needed.

Your comments are most appreciated.

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NOTE: By routing slip 7-25-56 SAC Kelly acknowledged receipt of inserts 10 and 11 to "Highlights" and noted that Phase II of DID evacuation plans referred to in his routing slip as pages 16-33 previously included in "Highlights" were not included with insert No. 10. Insert No. 10 included only Phase I of DID defense plans. It is not believed that Phase II of DID defense plans should be included in "Highlights" since this phase will be brought into operation only after the relocation site is activated and there is at the relocation site a full set of DID defense plans, including Phase II. Henceforth, only Phase I of DID defense plans will be included in "Highlights."

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Date 7/25/56

Director

FILE #

Att. .... LIAISON SECTION

Title

☐ SAC

☐ ASAC

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

Supplans Emergency  
for S.D.G.

**ACTION DESIRED**

☐ Reassign to

☐ Initial & return

☐ Open Case

☐ Search & return

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☐ Send Serials

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☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

**RE ~~HIGHLIGHTS~~ OF SEAT OF GOVERNMENT DEFENSE  
PLANS FOR THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.**

INSERTS NOS. 10 AND 11 HAVE BEEN PLACED IN  
CAPTIONED DOCUMENT ASSIGNED TO ME.

RE INSERT #10, EVACUATION (PERSONNEL TO BE EVACUATED). PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER p.16-33, HEADED  
"EVACUATION PHASE II, ALEXANDRIA AREA"etc.  
(OVER)

SAC JAMES J. KELLY

Office NYC

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7-31-56  
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ARE REPLACED BY MATERIAL CONTAINED IN  
"ENTIRE NEW SECTION OF DOMESTIC  
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION RELOCATION PLANS"  
(RECEIVED WITH INSERT #10) p.1-17, AND WHICH  
ON PAGE 1 STATE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING  
TWO PHASES, THEN LISTS "PHASE I", AND CHECK  
OF SUBSEQUENT PAGES DOES NOT INDICATE  
ANY REFERENCE TO "PHASE II".

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: July 26, 1956

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

(OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION RELOCATION SITE)

SYNOPSIS: Buplan - Emergency Headquarters - C. P. S. M. J. [initials]

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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

Approximately [redacted] personnel at [redacted] relocation exercise at [redacted]; site of Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) and [redacted]. Operation was slow getting started because of the rainstorm which started during early morning 7/20/56. This storm delayed the arrival of many of the participants in the exercise and was a hindrance to communications. Morale for the most part was good, although living conditions were inadequate, since the majority of the personnel slept in tents. It rained practically every day, and as a result the people were wet most of the time and many caught colds. Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, director of ODM, and [redacted] held frequent conferences by closed TV circuit and kept the site up to date on the Operation. The President was kept advised of the Operation, and, according to Dr. Flemming, he was pleased with the results. The Bureau Liaison Representative had access to the offices of Dr. Flemming and [redacted], and both remarked favorably on the Bureau's participation in the exercise.

RECOMMENDATION:

None, for your information.

- WTW:awj  
(5)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Mr. McArdle
  - 1 - Section tickler
  - 1 - Mr. Whaley

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DETAILS:

At the request of the ODM the Bureau Liaison Representative, Supervisor W. T. Whaley, reported to the ODM site during the evening of 7/19/56, so he could be in operation when the exercise started on 7/20/56. Upon arrival Whaley was registered and shown to his quarters and to his office, which he shared with the security personnel of ODM. He was courteously received and treated.

During early morning of 7/20/56 a rainstorm hit [redacted] and lasted throughout the entire day. As a consequence the people already there and those arriving were thoroughly soaked. Most of the participants, including the Liaison Agent, lived in tents, and the living conditions were far from adequate. The storm delayed the arrival of the participants. Upon arrival the participants were checked in at the gate by guards supplied by [redacted], and were then routed to the registration tent, where they obtained meal tickets, billeting, and were driven to their tents by [redacted]. Morale on the whole was good in spite of the weather. The food, which was prepared by [redacted], was excellent, and the personnel (excluding the Liaison Agent) only worked 8-hour shifts. They could also leave [redacted] while not on duty, and this, with the good food, was a factor of the morale being so good. The Liaison Agent did not leave the site during the entire Operation. b7E

Lieutenant General Paul, U. S. Army (retired), assistant director, ODM, was advised that the Bureau relocation site at [redacted] was in full operation as of 11:11 a.m., EST, 7/20/56. b7E

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, director of ODM, and [redacted] arrived at the site during the afternoon of 7/20/56, and were very active in the running of the operation. Both of the above kept the personnel at [redacted] advised of the developments of the operation through daily closed circuit TV broadcasts. Dr. Flemming kept the President advised of the Operation, and, according to him, the President was very happy with the results of the Operation. Both Dr. Flemming and [redacted] made various trips from the site, but always returned at night. b7E

Whaley talked to both Dr. Flemming and [redacted] and was treated very courteously, and was told to drop into their offices at any time if he or the Bureau had any request. Both stated that b7E

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they appreciated the Bureau's interests and ~~the~~ participation in this Operation, and knew that the Bureau, as always, would do a good job. Dr. Flemming in particular stated that he was very happy that the Director had assigned a Bureau representative to [ ] for the exercise. b7E

Because of the weather [ ]'s microwave system and telephone lines went out of order several times. However, on the most part they were put back in operation within a very short time. One of the inadequacies noted by the Liaison Agent was that the messenger service during the first day was inadequate. It seemed that no one had taken steps to coordinate the service, and several sections of the Operation had their mail piled up and were as much as 12 hours late in getting it distributed. However, this was corrected on the second day, and thereafter the mail flowed properly. There were no major problems between the Bureau site and [ ]. b7E

There was one security breach by [ ] and [ ] that upset the officials of ODM greatly. This concerned a news article which appeared in the 7/23/56 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald" on the Operation. This article identified the code words used by the Health Department and Treasury Department. Both of the agencies admitted to the security personnel at ODM that they had inadvertently given out the code words to the reporter. This necessitated a changing of the code words of 10 of the participating agencies in the Operation. b7E

During the Operation, [ ] and Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III visited [ ] for a short time. b7E

Security of the site, which appeared to be adequate, was maintained by [ ], who had armed guards at the gates and who patrolled in and around the area. b7E

During the Operation there were approximately [ ] [ ] personnel at the site. However, many of the [ ] only stayed for a short time, and during the last 2 days it appeared that half of the [ ] had left. b7E

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1 - Liaison Section  
1 - Mr. Bartlett

July 30, 1956

VIA LIAISON

*Explains Emergency H... on T... 5-0-5-6*

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming  
Director  
Office of Defense Mobilization  
Executive Office Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Flemming:

During Operation Alert - 1956, Special Agent W. T. Whaley of this Bureau was assigned in a liaison capacity at the Office of Defense Mobilization relocation site. Mr. Whaley has advised me that representatives of your office were most cooperative and helpful to him and I personally want to thank you for this assistance.

Please let me know if this Bureau can be of any service to you in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT - 1956

Referral/Consult

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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SYNOPSIS: (Buplan) - Emergency Heintz - S.O.C.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

ENCLOSURE

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Whitson
- 1 - Mr. McArdle
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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Enclosure

L. A. Papich

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: 7-17-56

FROM : Mr. T. D. Beach

SUBJECT: BUPLANS - LABORATORY

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Headquarters

For S.O.C.

A [ ] has been packed with [ ]

for [ ] at the relocation site.

It is being sent to the site where it will be available for use. Even though it is not considered practical to send

[ ] available to us, we have selected those which will enable us to [ ]

There is attached a list of [ ] contained in [ ].

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[ ] requires no attention on part of SAC, [ ]. It will be inspected twice a year by personnel of this section.

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1 - SAC, [ ]  
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- 1 - Mr. McArdle - 7629
- 1 - Mr. Miller - 7610
- 1 - Mr. Duckett - 7410
- 1 - Mr. Beach - 7133
- 1 - Mr. Magee - 7133

7-20-56

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *WJ*

DATE: July 30, 1956

FROM *WJ*

SUBJECT:

CARRY-OVER COMPENSATORY LEAVE  
EARNED DURING OPERATION ALERT 1956Buplan Emergency Headquarters - For S.O.C.b6  
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Parsons	_____
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Tamm	_____
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Gandy	_____

Seventeen of our Coding Unit employees earned an average of nearly 19 hours compensatory leave each. During this week and the following week we will arrange to grant this compensatory leave; however, in order that we may provide adequate coverage and be able to handle our work on a current basis in this unit, we are requesting that 24 hours of compensatory leave earned by Communications Code Clerk  not be taken until August 13, 14 and 15 and the 32 hours of compensatory leave earned by Communications Code Clerk  not be taken until August 28, 29 and 30.

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b7CRECOMMENDATION:

That we be allowed to have the two above employees take their compensatory leave at the time stated above.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1956

SUMMARY MEMORANDUM  
JULY 20 - 24, 1956

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

This is a summary memorandum reflecting the Bureau's operation at its relocation site, covering the period from the time of the alert on the morning of July 20 through July 24, 1956. An additional brief summary memorandum will be prepared covering activities on July 25, when the operation ends.

THE ALERT

At 11:13 a.m. EDT, sirens and buzzers notified the Bureau of the start of Operation Alert, 1956. The prearranged notification system which we will use in an actual emergency was placed into effect and all persons [ ] scheduled for relocation were accounted for and checked off by 11:23 a.m.

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[ ] personnel started immediately for [ ]  
[ ]  
[ ] All  
personnel had arrived at [ ] by [ ]. Justice relocation was notified that FBI was operational at 12:11 p.m., and [ ] was so notified at 12:19 p.m.

b7E

Immediately following the alert, the Director and Mr. Tolson proceeded to the National Security Council meeting at the White House, following which they proceeded at once to [ ], arriving shortly after 1:00 p.m.

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AHB:LLC

CC: Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Roach  
Mr. McArdle  
Mr. Baumgardner

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ENCLOSURES (Attachments A, B and C and Memo to Attorney General)



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### SCHEDULED PROBLEMS

Forty-one problems were prepared in advance of the test, simulating conditions which would face us at a relocation site in an emergency. These problems, together with eight additional problems, were worked primarily during the first two days of Operation Alert. They gave us a very thorough check of our communications system, both here at the relocation site and in the field. Many of our problems required intercommunication between field offices, relocation sites and resident agencies, and also contact by the field with other agencies. Consequently, we were constantly checking the alertness and speed of response of our field personnel, as well as our communications system. The problems were handled with speed and dispatch.

Because of the classified and delicate nature of our emergency work, our problems were simulated in the field; however, actual messages were sent, requiring specific action, and actual emergency conditions were simulated at [redacted].

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A brief resume of the scheduled problems is set forth below:

#### Emergency Detention Program

Upon arrival at [redacted], we learned that the Justice Department, by teletype at 11:03 a. m., had authorized the institution of the Emergency Detention Program, covering both citizens and aliens. Consequently, the program was launched immediately, as of 12:29 p. m. EDT, utilizing teletype, radio and telephone in communicating with all offices. All fifty-two offices had been reached by 2:46 p. m., and replies had been received back from all offices by 3:53 p. m.

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You will recall that last year during Operation Alert, 1955, we ran into serious difficulty getting authority from the Attorney General to launch this program, as a result of which we pointed out the absolute need for prompt authority in a real emergency. In the

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current test, Deputy Attorney General Rogers wired authority to [ ] even prior to the National Security Council meeting. It would appear that we have impressed upon the Department the need for prompt action under this program.

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This program was authorized and launched very promptly in Operation Alert, 1956. This enabled us, theoretically, to successfully apprehend subjects on the Security Index, except, of course, in those cities wiped out by the bombing attack. (Persons on Security Index as of July 20, 1956 - 12,995.)

Protective Custody Enemy Diplomats

Immediately after arrival at [ ] (12:15 p. m. EDT), Mr. Belmont contacted Liaison Agent Kuhrtz at [ ] relocation site to see whether [ ] wanted enemy officials taken into protective custody. Additional contacts were made with Kuhrtz at 1:10 p. m. and 2:05 p. m. Kuhrtz advised that [ ] officials had not arrived, due to a heavy rainstorm. At 2:25 p. m., the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers were advised at Justice relocation that we could not launch this program as no decision had come from [ ]. Agent Kuhrtz advised at 3:08 p. m. that [ ] had authorized this program as of 2:58 p. m., and the program was launched at 3:12 p. m. Replies were received from field by 4:06 p. m. and action completed. (Problem involves four offices - Washington Field, Baltimore, New York, and Philadelphia.)

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In addition, problems were simulated with several other offices, involving enemy diplomats who were traveling in other states at the time this program was launched.

Total Soviet and satellite diplomats involved: New York - 245 Soviet and 100 satellite; Washington - 277 Soviet and 230 satellite -- Grand Total 852 (as of July 1, 1956).

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The simulation of this problem in Operation Alert, 1956, again exemplifies the need to have a definite airtight arrangement for [ ] to consider promptly whether the program should be launched and promptly advise the Bureau. In this instance, because it was raining, [ ] was late getting to its relocation site and there was a delay of nearly three hours getting word to us on the program from [ ].

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On July 22, at a conference of [ ] relocation officials, Liaison Supervisor Kuhrtz forcefully brought this situation to the attention of [ ]. [ ] stated he will prepare a memorandum to [ ], calling his attention to this delay and the need for a prompt decision and notification to us in an emergency regarding these enemy diplomats. Nevertheless, if you agree, we will send a letter to [ ], reiterating the importance of [ ] setting up the internal machinery to resolve promptly this matter during an emergency.

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### Espionage Problems

A series of espionage problems were posed during the test, involving the apprehension of espionage subjects on the Security Index; the location and arrest of enemy agents landing by submarine; simulated consideration of subjects in Special Section of Security Index as to espionage subjects; consideration of pro-Tito Yugoslavs; and presentation to [ ] regarding United Nations employees and foreign government employees of friendly nations.

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### Internal Security Problems

In addition to the Emergency Detention Program, problems were worked involving reports on sabotage; problems involving emergency detention arrests requiring notification to other Government agencies; alerting field offices as to Security Index subjects out of the country; simulating action based on flash notices received in the Identification Division on security subjects; maintenance of statistics on arrests during each day; and securing names of informants who would be arrested and placed with subjects during an emergency.

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### Laboratory Problems

The Laboratory likewise staged a number of problems during the alert period, including: (a) auxiliary radio station on [ ] placed into operation by 12:22 p.m., July 20; (b) radio-active detection meters were set up and simulated periodic readings taken and logged; (c) selected personnel at [ ] were equipped with radio-activity detecting dosimeters, and simulated readings were logged periodically to record simulated exposure to radio-active hazards; (d) simulated breakdown of radio station--repair the station and place back in service; (e) five offices required to set up radio-activity detection meters and report simulated readings to [ ]; (f) five offices required to equip and use, and report on use of, dosimeters; (g) five offices required to operate their radio stations on emergency power for thirty minutes; (h) simulated breakdown of telephone switchboard--repair same and place back in service; (i) simulated commercial power failure for entire [ ], requiring use of emergency power; (j) simulated breakdown of all wire-line communications facilities; and (k) simulated breakdown of cryptographic coding machine.

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The Laboratory reports that its problems went smoothly and that there was no difficulty with the field.

### OUTSIDE PROBLEMS (7, 8, 1, 2)

Up through 6:00 p.m., July 24, we had received from other agencies a total of 41 problems requiring action by us. In contrast, we received 16 such problems during Operation Alert, 1955. These problems were handled promptly. Where necessary for record purposes, replies were sent to the other agencies, but where not necessary, action was simulated for economy reasons.

Attachment A to this memorandum sets forth a concise summary of each of these problems; however, selected examples are set forth below:

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OUTSIDE PROBLEMS (continued)

1. On July 20, 1956, 10:15 a.m. EST, teletype received from Department of Justice requesting FBI to pass to U. S. Attorneys, Cleveland, Atlanta, Fort Worth, and Denver, "Please acknowledge this test message and indicate time you received it." On July 20, 1956, teletype was transmitted to Special Agents in Charge at Cleveland, Atlanta, Dallas, and Denver to carry out above instructions. Teletype replies received from those SAC's on July 20. On July 20, 5:45 p.m., teletype sent Department of Justice, advising of information received. Problem completed.

2. Assistant Special Agent in Charge Simon, New York Office, telephonically advised at 9:10 p.m., July 20, 1956, that G-2, [REDACTED], gave NYO message that a group of men at 11:00 a.m. gained entrance to restricted area of Ace Aircraft Corporation, Syracuse, New York; wounded seven guards; inflicted superficial damage at plant; one person identified as member Apostle of Peace organization was captured and that plant will be vulnerable during week-end period in spite of increasing guards. Simon was instructed to call back G-2 and advise that FBI is immediately conducting investigation based on possible sabotage; that FBI will not be responsible for guarding plant; and that FBI strongly protests delay in reporting incident to us. Problem completed.

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3. Washington News Service release on July 20, 1956, carried item from press headquarters, Operation Alert: "Tomorrow at Madison, Illinois, three airplanes will land with saboteurs on mock assignments to destroy targets in that area." We had Mr. Mullen, of the Department, run this down at [REDACTED] and learned that [REDACTED] inadvertently released this to the press. It was meant to go only to [REDACTED] at Madison as a test in spotting aircraft. The Springfield Office was alerted, told not to participate and not to comment to press. Springfield advised that three airplanes did land near Madison on July 20, carrying simulated bombs; pilots taken into custody by auxiliary police as [REDACTED] test. Problem completed.

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OUTSIDE PROBLEMS (continued)

4. Justice Department teletype July 21, 1956, from Andretta requested we advise as to our financial requirements to carry out our responsibilities in the present emergency, to be broken down as follows: (a) immediate requirements, (b) forecast for two weeks, (c) interim expenditures - to be reported in two weeks - and (d) total expenditures at end of emergency. Due to vagueness of request, Liaison Agent Daunt requested to contact Andretta and find out what he desired. Daunt got clarification for items (a) and (b) and was told we could ignore items (c) and (d). Teletype sent 7/21/56, advising (a) \$415,162 and (b) \$4,151,620 for two weeks (10 workdays). Problem completed.

5. [ ] in California requested FBI to furnish an assessment of conditions of state and local governments to perform functions vital to maintenance of law, order, and protection of health and safety. SAC Whelan, San Francisco, told [ ] this was a function of [ ]. As Whelan thought [ ] might contact other offices, a radiogram was sent on July 21 to all offices, advising background of matter and proper response if request was made. Problem completed.

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6. New York Office called July 21, 1956, and advised message received from G-2 that it wanted results of preliminary interrogation of two captured pilots of enemy aggressor bomber which crashed near Bangor, Maine, on July 20, 1956, which pilots were captured and turned over to local FBI. New York Office was instructed to call back and tell G-2 it was mistaken in its facts; that the pilots remained in custody of [ ]; that FBI had interrogated them in the presence of [ ] at Bangor; that full copies of interrogation were in possession of [ ] at Bangor; and that G-2 could contact [ ] at Bangor to get copies of interrogation. Problem completed.

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OUTSIDE PROBLEMS (continued)

7. On July 22, 1956, Mr. Airhart, Justice Department, through Liaison, requested our comments on a Justice problem involving enemy alien merchant seamen on a ship in a United States port loading radio-active waste material. We reviewed the Attorney General's Portfolio, Part I, Item 14-C, which points out that enemy aliens (a) on enemy vessels would be taken into custody by the Coast Guard and turned over to the Department of Defense as prisoners of war, and (b) on other vessels in United States ports would be under Immigration and Naturalization Service jurisdiction. By teletype July 22, 1956, we so advised Mr. Airhart, pointing out the FBI has no responsibility for alien enemy seamen per se. Problem completed.

8. Justice Department teletype July 22, 1956, requested available facts on reported sabotage of bridges in Montana, Indiana, and Washington. We sent teletype to Justice same date, pointing out (1) we had investigated this report, resulting in apprehension of five individuals; (2) facts were presented to U. S. Attorney, who authorized prosecution under appropriate sabotage statutes; and (3) our investigation was continuing. Problem completed.

9. On July 23, 1956, Assistant Attorney General Tompkins asked the Bureau's position on a [ ] proposal that an Alaskan War Council be setup in Alaska to administer all Federal services, which would be obliged to comply with any [ ] request re personnel and equipment. We replied to Tompkins that this action would appear to parallel martial rule; and, in view of our responsibilities, FBI not in position to make equipment or personnel available to [ ] or other agencies. Therefore, FBI requests ruling from Justice as to what action we should take if this [ ] proposal goes into effect; should we continue to carry out our functions and to whom should violations of Federal law be reported for prosecution. Insofar as FBI concerned, the decision as to whether such a Council should be set up rests with Department. Department replied to us it was opposing the Council unless Justice Department exempt. Problem completed.

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OUTSIDE PROBLEMS (continued)

10. On July 23, 1956, Assistant U. S. Attorney representing Department at Massachusetts [ ] headquarters advised our New York Office that New York Director of [ ] [ ] informed that western New York being flooded with counterfeit bills by subversive elements. [ ] asked what measures FBI and Secret Service would take. Boston Office also received like message concerning like activities in Massachusetts. New York was instructed to contact [ ] [ ] and inform them our Albany and Buffalo Offices and Boston had been alerted; that close liaison being maintained with Secret Service, which has counterfeiting jurisdiction; and that FBI desires full details concerning alleged subversive angles in order to conduct investigation this aspect. Problem completed.

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AVAILABILITY CHECKS

Availability checks were made on a surprise basis with eighteen field divisions (three each on July 20, 21, and 24; five on July 22, and four on July 23), during the evening, starting at varying times between 7:30 p. m. and 11:30 p. m. EDT. In general, all Agents were contacted promptly, particularly in the smaller offices. One office contacted its fifteen Agents in four minutes. (Salt Lake City) In several of the larger offices, there was undue delay in that more than one hour was required for the office to contact all its Agents on duty status at headquarters city. Inasmuch as this indicated a lack of proper organization and system on the part of the office, the SAC was required to explain, and separate memoranda were submitted in those cases recommending appropriate action. These offices were Boston, Newark and Philadelphia.

While, generally, our availability checks have been highly successful, if you agree we will prepare an SAC Letter referring to availability checks during the Operation Alert exercise and stressing the Bureau's insistence that an efficient system be set up in each field office so that any office called upon to locate its Agents in an emergency can do so without any delay. ✓



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IMPORTANT PROCLAMATIONS AND  
EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED

Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) notified participating departments and agencies of approval of 8 Presidential Proclamations and 19 Executive Orders. These set in operation many emergency measures, including placing of wartime controls on the nation's economy, suspending privilege of writ of habeas corpus for 60 days, giving [redacted] emergency powers over state governments, establishing censorship, authorizing wiretapping of foreign government communications by [redacted] and the Department of Justice. A number of these measures would need Congressional action to legalize them, since statutory authority was lacking. Various orders were promulgated by agencies responsible for administering aspects of emergency measures, and Department of Justice sent teletypes to us pointing out provisions in certain regulations of interest--for example: requests for occupational exemption of Bureau employees under provisions of Selective Service should be submitted to the Attorney General; no Federal employee who resigns voluntarily may be employed by another Federal agency within 90 days; employees prevented by disaster from reporting for work shall be placed on administrative leave; [redacted] can suspend written inquiry phase of its investigations under Executive Order 10450 to extent such inquiries dependent on disrupted communications.

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Attachment B is a running memorandum briefing these documents.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications at [redacted] were highly effective. Teletype, telephone and radio systems were used heavily and were thoroughly tested. Microwave system was thoroughly tested. Despite heavy volume, we could have handled additional messages if necessary.

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COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Summary of Messages Sent and Received  
(From 12 Midnight, July 20 to 6:00 P. M., July 24)

	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Total</u>
Telephone	356	334	690
Teletype	225	639	864
Radio	192	50	242
Microwave	<u>4</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>
TOTALS	<u>777</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,822</u>

These messages required handling 10,695 code groups, which reflects the heavy volume absorbed by the coding unit.

This is a far greater volume than during Operation Alert, 1955, yet we encountered no delay. Because of our diversified system and number of lines, where unavoidable mechanical equipment delays occurred, we were able to shift the message at once to another line. During the test, all offices were contacted by radio, 38 by teletype, and 38 by telephone.

We had no trouble reaching the field offices. Communications with other agencies were better than during Operation Alert, 1955, as we had few delays. This shows improvement of communications in other agencies. Any significant delays are shown under the section of this memorandum regarding 'Difficulties Encountered.'

[redacted] was designated by ODM to inspect our communications facilities during the exercise. He did so on July 23 and prepared his report, rating the Bureau outstanding in every phase.

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LIAISON

All six Liaison Agents who relocated with their agencies had established contact with the Bureau relocation site by 1:37 p. m. , July 20. We had no difficulty in reaching Liaison Agents at the relocation sites, in contrast to the situation during Operation Alert, 1955, reflecting an improvement in communications facilities at other agencies' sites. The Agents were in regular and constant contact with [ ] and kept us advised of developments not only affecting their agencies but information picked up of interest to the Bureau.

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Operation Alert, 1956, was an excellent example of the value of having our Liaison Agents accompany their agencies to relocation sites. Time and again they were able to furnish us information of value, iron out problems and cut red tape so that our problems worked more smoothly and we had the necessary knowledge available to us to efficiently operate. During the first 5 days of the exercise, we had more than 175 telephone contacts between the Liaison Agents and [ ]

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In a number of instances, top officials of other Government agencies expressed appreciation for the presence and assistance rendered by our Liaison Agents and commented on the planning and attention given Operation Alert by the Director.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (Action Being Taken)

(1) As set forth earlier in this report, during the availability checks in certain offices delay was encountered. In each instance, a separate memorandum has been submitted with recommendations.

(2) As set forth earlier in this report, there was a delay on the part of [ ] in arriving at a decision and advising us concerning the program to take into protective custody enemy diplomats. We have already taken this up with [ ] pointing out the potential embarrassment. [ ] is bringing this to the attention of [ ]. In addition, a letter will be written to [ ] following Operation Alert, 1956.

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DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (Action Being Taken) (continued)

(3) It was evident from the communications we received at our relocation site that there was obviously a delay in transmission of some messages from other agencies. Many of the messages were not transmitted for a number of hours after they were prepared for transmittal. For example, one message concerning the placing of the entire United States under [ ] was not transmitted for more than thirty hours after it was prepared.

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While we have already called the delay in communications to the attention of ODM in our first report on July 20, it is believed we should comment on this in our memorandum to the Attorney General, even though ODM has publicly announced there was a heavy backlog and delay in transmission of messages. Such a comment is contained in the attached memorandum to the Attorney General.

(4) [ ] is a new instantaneous automatic encoding and decoding device associated with teletype equipment which the Interagency Communications System (ICS) at [ ] wished to place in our code room to handle coded messages to [ ]. We provided the space and have had ICS representatives at [ ] since July 16, 1956, making the installation. When it finally works effectively, it will be helpful to us as it will save coding time over and above the code machines the Bureau now uses. [ ]

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[ ] We will press for action on this until it is in satisfactory operation.

(5) In order to back up land lines, both telephone and teletype, between the relocation headquarters of the critical agencies, a radio microwave system of stations was established. This system originated at the suggestion of the White House. Initial work was carried on by the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning. Present responsibility for implementation of this network lies with the Office of Defense Mobilization. All of the Bureau microwave equipment is in place and

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DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (Action Being Taken) (continued)

operational. No Bureau problems have been encountered on telephone service over microwave to [ ] and [ ]. [ ] did not activate their microwave teletype channel to the Bureau relocation site until 3:05 p. m. , July 20, 1956. [ ] has not been able to activate their end of the teletype circuit in order to communicate with our relocation site. Our equipment and personnel are available and standing by ready for service. We will continue to check until such time as [ ] can remedy their operational or equipment difficulties.

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DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (No Action Recommended)

(1) Problem G under "Outside Problems" recounts the incident of the inadvertent release to the press by [ ] of a story that three airplanes would land with saboteurs at Madison, Illinois. This story was meant as a test exercise for airplane spotters at Madison. It was necessary for us to run this down and alert the Springfield Office. However, it is not felt that any worthwhile results would be obtained from protesting this to [ ], since they have already admitted error.

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(2) In working one of our problems, the New York Office submitted a garbled teletype, requiring us to check with New York for clarification. We learned this was caused by a mechanical failure in the New York teletype machine. The failure was caused by a burned-out tape transmitter. It occurred at 11:42 a. m. , July 21. New York notified the telephone company, and repairmen had completed repairs by 4:15 p. m. , July 21. This was not the fault of the New York Office.

(3) On the Bureau's teletype circuits from [ ] to [ ] at 1:40 p. m. EDT, July 20, 1956, circuits 280 and 466 simultaneously became inoperative. The trouble was reported to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of [ ], at [ ], and with the Chief Test Board Operator, and both circuits were cleared in about twenty minutes. The explanation given by the Chief Test Board Operator was bad tube located in the carrier equipment at the [ ] teletypewriter board on both circuits. This occurred at approximately the same time the tornado passed by [ ].

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DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED (No Action Recommended) (continued)

(4) Circuit 280 became inoperative at 8:36 a. m. , July 21, 1956, and the trouble was immediately reported to the Test Board at [ ] and was cleared by the Test Board at [ ] at 9:02 a. m. EDT.

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(5) Circuit 5124, which is one of our two private land line telephones to [ ], went out of service at 10:55 a. m. EDT, July 20, 1956. Trouble reported to [ ] and service cleared at [ ] at 12:05 p. m.

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(6) Circuit PD3, which is one of our two microwave telephone circuits to [ ], went out of service at 4:56 a. m. , July 21, 1956. Trouble was located at [ ]'s relocation center at [ ] and service was restored.

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(7) At 8:30 a. m. , July 20, 1956, [ ], which is the [ ] microwave telephone to [ ], went out of order and was cleared at 9:22 a. m. It went out again at 9:30 a. m. and was cleared at 10:10 a. m. At 10:30 a. m. , intermittent interruptions were encountered. This was finally cleared at 12:15 p. m. by [ ] at its [ ] relocation site.

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REPORTS OF ODM INSPECTOR BOLEYN

Inspector Boleyn has rendered three brief reports to ODM to date - July 20, 23 and 24, 1956. These reports are based on a check list - Administration and Logistics. We were marked outstanding on all items except those requiring merely a "yes" or "no" answer, on which we received affirmative checks. Mr. Boleyn pointed out that his report of last year was highly favorable to the Bureau. This is certainly true. Mr. Boleyn stated that he considered our operations this year superior to our operations of last year and that he considered our operations excellent in every respect. This will be reflected in Mr. Boleyn's written report.

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PERSONNEL

[ ] employees reported to [ ] from Washington on the day the Alert started. Personnel were released, when possible, keeping in mind our desire to handle all communications and problems promptly and efficiently. By the night of July 21, the number was reduced to [ ]; July 22 to [ ]; and July 23 to [ ]. No personnel were released on July 24. It was apparent that all employees engaged in this operation approached the matter with a sense of urgency and care. The entire operation was conducted in a businesslike atmosphere, looking toward handling the Bureau's responsibilities in Operation Alert promptly and effectively. Many of the clerical employees (and, of course, officials) were on 12-hour shifts, including the week end. The employees were very willing and exhibited a fine attitude.

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It is noted that several problems were received from other agencies which required consideration and reply by the Administrative Division. Mr. Mohr's presence enabled us to handle them promptly and efficiently.

SAC [ ] and [ ] handled the physical security of the building on a 24-hour basis and administered the operation of the building and the services necessary during the operation. We found the physical arrangements had been set up efficiently upon our arrival and the services were well maintained throughout. I consider that SAC [ ] and [ ] did an excellent job.

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Attached is a list of personnel who took part in Operation Alert, including SAC [ ] and [ ] and the Liaison Agents who operated with their agencies. (Attachment C)

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### OBSERVATIONS

(1) As far as the FBI is concerned, this exercise was too long. We worked most of our problems in the first two days and thoroughly tested our communications system and the reaction time of our field offices under emergency instructions. Insofar as the practical value is concerned, we could have completed our tests and reported within three days.

(2) It is fundamental that any exercise of such magnitude as this should be based on the most careful planning, with the advance instructions, directives, manuals, etc., based on the firmest possible foundation so that they are factual and understandable and will not be subject to change. We cannot help but feel that this was not true in this case, as there were constant changes and shifts in instructions, rules, and policy, which increased in rapidity as the time of the exercise approached. This engendered uncertainty which could not help but lend confusion and thus interfere with the goal of the exercise, namely, to clarify and bring about real understanding of the procedures and mechanics we would need to use in a real emergency.

We believe these are legitimate, constructive comments and, therefore, we have included them in the attached summary memorandum to the Attorney General.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) We apparently have succeeded in impressing on the Justice Department the need for immediate authority to advise us regarding the Attorney General's authority for institution of the Emergency Detention Program. Deputy Attorney General Rogers sent us authority by teletype at 11:03 a. m. on July 20th. Consequently, our first notice to the field regarding the Emergency Detention Program was started at 12:29 p. m., after arrival at [redacted]. It may be possible to alert the field earlier by teletype from the Bureau headquarters immediately upon receipt of an alert. If conditions will not permit this, we will send it from the relocation site. We will try this next year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

(2) A letter will be sent to [redacted], reiterating the absolute necessity for proper mechanics within [redacted] to notify the Bureau at once of its decision regarding the program to take into protective custody enemy diplomatic officials.

(3) Administrative action has already been recommended against those field divisions which did not adequately handle the availability check during the exercise. If you agree, we will prepare an SAC Letter referring to availability checks during the Operation Alert exercise and stressing the Bureau's insistence that an efficient system be set up in each field office so that any office called upon to locate its Agents in an emergency can do so without any delay.

✓ (4) In view of the excellent attitude displayed by all employees engaged in Operation Alert, 1956, and their willingness to serve long hours, it is recommended that letters of commendation be sent to those clerical employees who participated in the exercise.

✓ (5) In view of the excellent assistance rendered by [redacted] before and during the entire exercise, it is recommended that a letter be sent to SAC [redacted] expressing appreciation to the personnel.

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RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

(6) We will press for action on the part of appropriate agencies to complete the installation and bring into efficient working order the microwave teletype channel to [ ] and the new instantaneous automatic encoding and decoding device to handle coded messages to [ ].

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(7) While the exercise has one more day to run, we believe it advisable to send the attached summary to the Attorney General at this time, particularly as he will probably attend the heads of agencies meeting at the White House on July 25, 1956. Should developments on July 25 warrant any further communication to the Attorney General, it will be submitted for approval.

Done

(8) The final report to the Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) (scheduled for August 31, 1956) will be prepared and submitted, including the "out-of-pocket" costs. Our field offices are to report costs by August 5, 1956, and we will combine them with Seat of Government costs.

1. Approved
2. Belmont is to be commended for his outstanding overall supervision of this Project.

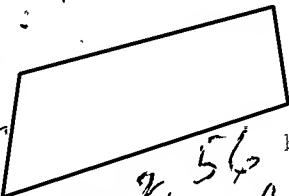
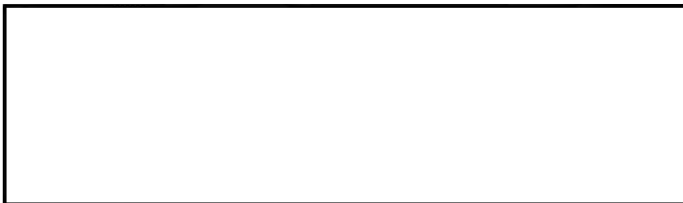
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Dear [redacted]

This Bureau's Liaison Representative,  
Mr. B. A. Wells, who accompanied your organization  
to its relocation site during Operation Alert - 1956,  
has advised me of the excellent cooperation extended  
him by you and other members of [redacted]

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I wish to take this opportunity to express  
to you my sincere appreciation for the cooperation  
afforded my Liaison Representative.

Sincerely yours,

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